



## **FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**

**As submitted to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies on April 16, 2010:**

### **U.S. Department of Labor (grants)**

**Recipient:** ACE Mentor Program

**Location:** c/o O'Donnell & Naccarato, Suite 950, 111 S. Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 1910

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the ACE Mentor Program. The ACE Mentor Program model recognizes the importance of enhancing traditional classroom learning with actual on-the-job skills development in order to build a 21st-century workforce. Funding would be used for mentor training, recruitment, student transportation and supplies, staff, and student internship stipends.

**Recipient:** Apprentice Training for Electrical Industry

**Location:** 1719 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Apprentice Training for Electrical Industry (ATEI) to support their electrical industry training programs. Funding will be used to pay for four-fifths of one instructor's salary and benefit package. AETI offers top-level comprehensive training opportunities in the electrical trades industry from entry level through to electrical engineering preparatory courses. AETI is an employee-funded training program now threatened with layoffs of instructors due to funding decreases resulting from recession-related job loss. Layoffs of even one electrical trades apprentice instructor sets back and weakens the program's ability to offer basic skill sets as well as the latest updated curriculum materials necessary for employment in the electrical and renewable energy trades.

**Recipient:** Center City District

**Location:** 660 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Center City District to support their employment program, including their Public Space Maintenance & Job Training Program. Funding will be used for materials, equipment, administrative, and other costs to train unemployed/underserved individuals in public space maintenance work, providing salary,

supplies and uniforms. The Center City District will commit to hiring a percent of successful trainees on an annual basis.

**Recipient:** Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development

**Location:** The Navy Yard, Quarters M-7 Suite 100, 1321 Intrepid Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19112

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development in support of Delaware Valley High Growth Job Training Initiative. Funding will be used to expand the Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development's workforce training model to displaced workers in the energy (both traditional and alternative "green jobs"), healthcare, technology, and advanced manufacturing industries. Specific activities to be funded by this request include support for expanded workforce development initiatives, worker assessments, and development of specific courses and delivery mechanisms to address the workforce needs of industry and municipalities within the region. Funding will be used for course delivery, instructors, outreach, and related purposes.

**Recipient:** Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc.

**Location:** Government Center, 201 W. Front Street, Media, PA 19063

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc., in support of their Saving Lives and Saving Homes program. Funding will be used for staff, equipment, and related materials in support of the creation of a pilot program to improve the fire safety of residents of Delaware County. Specifically, the program will involve job training and other activities related to the application of fire resistant paint to the homes of 400 low-income families, which will help increase the amount of escape time in the event of a fire. As a result, the program will reduce the risk to firefighters by limiting the severity of fires, preserve the homes of families by keeping the fire from spreading and destroying the property, and create jobs as economically disadvantaged persons will be trained and hired for the crews to install the fire resistant paint.

**Recipient:** Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc.

**Location:** 216 W. Somerset Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc., including the Real-World Industry Partnerships for Success program. Funding will be used to train and place 268 community members in high-growth industry jobs in Philadelphia in childcare, transportation and trucking, customer service and hospitality, and finance and insurance.

**Recipient:** Connection Training Services

**Location:** 2243 W. Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Connection Training Services, including their Connection Training Services Energy Efficiency and Green Jobs

Training Center. Funding will be used to establish the Connection Training Services Energy Efficiency and Green Jobs Training Center, as well as to provide green jobs skills training and nationally recognized certifications for such career fields as green manufacturing, solar panel installation, weatherization, white roofing, green construction techniques, energy alternatives, recycling, and warehousing.

**Recipient:** First African Community Development Corporation

**Location:** 1608 Christian Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for First African Community Development Corporation to support their employment programs, including the AAIM for Success program. Funding will be used to provide training for employment in skilled labor positions, including certified green jobs. Funding will also be used to establish computer training “mini-sites” and provide direct service delivery and instruction in core computer programs and technology. Target populations include unemployed and under-employed adults, as well as out-of-school youth (18-24 years).

**Recipient:** Finishing Trades Institute

**Location:** 2190 Horning Road, Philadelphia, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Finishing Trades Institute for their Residential Solar Power and Glazing Systems Apprenticeship program. Funds will be used for staffing, curriculum development, and the purchase of equipment, supplies, and materials needed for training. The greatest challenge facing the construction industry today is meeting the demand for skilled labor. A skilled workforce is crucial to the success of the industry, which will continue to suffer a serious shortfall due to its aging baby boomer workforce. This program will help speed economic recovery and position Pennsylvania as a “green” economic leader.

**Recipient:** Hosanna House, Inc.

**Location:** 807 Wallace Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18221

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Hosanna House, Inc.’s, workforce training program. Funding will be used for a comprehensive job training assessment, individual counseling, interview and resume assistance, job search and placement and retention rate evaluations.

**Recipient:** Impact Services Corporation

**Location:** 1952 E. Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Impact Services Corporation employment assistance programs, including their Connect the Vet program. Funding will be used for supportive services to priority groups of veterans, including those returning from OEF/OIF with combat-related injuries, female veterans with underage dependents, and formerly incarcerated veterans in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Specifically,

funding would provide for two case managers, a shared job developer/ recruiter, a shared van driver, and a shared program coordinator, as well as targeted outreach efforts using local media and community partners and transportation support to VA Medical Centers and to job fairs.

**Recipient:** InspiriTec, Inc.

**Location:** Suite 108, 330-340 N. 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for InspiriTec, Inc. for technology infrastructure upgrades to their Contact Center. More than 85% of Contact Center employees are persons with disabilities. Once the upgrades are completed, InspiriTec, Inc. will have the capability to hire additional persons with disabilities.

**Recipient:** Ironworkers Joint Apprenticeship and Journeyman Retraining Program

**Location:** 2315 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15222

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Iron Workers Training Center's employment program, including the Iron Workers Joint Apprenticeship and Journeyman Training Program. Funding will be used for staff and equipment. The Iron Workers Training Center services the needs of over 200 contractors in Western and Central Pennsylvania with over 1500 journeyman and 225 apprentices. The increased need for trained workers combined with the anticipated retirement of over 300 in the near future has created a demand for the program to continue to operate at its current level despite its large drop in revenues due to the current state of the economy. By providing the appropriate training program for apprentices and journeyman, this program will help stimulate economic growth throughout region, as well as the country, and will help to maximize job creation.

**Recipient:** JEVS Jewish Employment and Vocational Services

**Location:** 1845 Walnut Street, 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for JEVS Jewish Employment and Vocational Services in support of their employment programs, including their JEVS Veterans Job Training program. Funding will be used to provide job readiness and career training to 200 residents in the Philadelphia region.

**Recipient:** Liberty Resources, Inc.

**Location:** 714 Market Street, Suite 100, Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Liberty Resources, Inc. employment training program, including their Liberty Academy training for disabled persons. Funding will be used for the training of 30 individuals, including returning disabled veterans, in Liberty Academy's consumer-driven skills training program.

**Recipient:** Manchester Bidwell Corporation

**Location:** 1815 Metropolitan Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Manchester Bidwell Corporation, including their Electronic Health Records Training Program (EH RTP). Funding will be used to complete the development of the EHRT) at Bidwell Training Center. This program will train all BTC students in medical majors to be proficient in accurately documenting data and maintaining electronic health records. Specifically, funding will be used for software and infrastructure upgrades, the hiring of an IT specialist, staff, and supplies.

**Recipient:** Metropolitan Career Center

**Location:** 100 South Broad St., Suite 830, Philadelphia, PA 19110

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Metropolitan Career Center to support their vocational certification program. The proposed training program will prepare young Philadelphians to transition from high school, in some cases alternative high school environments, to productive lives post high school. Funding will be used for staff, outreach, and customized curriculum development and testing.

**Recipient:** National Urban League

**Location:** 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the National Urban League, including the Urban Youth Empowerment Program. Funding will be used to improve the employment and educational prospects for high school drop-outs, adjudicated youth and youth at risk for gang involvement through a comprehensive set of job training and remedial education services. Within Pennsylvania, the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh and the Urban League of Philadelphia would be eligible for funding under this program. Specifically, funding would be used to salary, grants to affiliates, travel for on-site programs and training, and associated administrative costs.

**Recipient:** New Man Community Development Corporation

**Location:** 33 Teen Challenge Lane, Rehrersburg PA 19550

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for New Man Community Development Corporation, including their workforce expansion programs. Funding will be used to support three on-the-job training programs: a mechanic shop, a landscaping service, and a warehousing supply-chain classroom. In addition, funding would be used for staff, supplies, and administrative purposes.

**Recipient:** Orbit Educational Group Inc./ON ENTERPRISES INC.

**Location:** 13547 Dunning Highway, Claysburg PA 16625

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Orbit Educational Group Inc./ON ENTERPRISES INC. employment programs, including the Fast Track to Technology II project. The Fast Track to Technology II project will provide short term technical training in high demand high tech industries. Specifically, funding will be used to supplement tuition costs for a minimum of 150 participants who would otherwise be unable to afford skills training that is

crucial to gaining and sustaining meaningful employment in these high demand industries. The funding will also eliminate excessive administrative costs and provide more money dedicated to training.

**Recipient:** Penn Asian Senior Services (PASSi)

**Location:** 420 York Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Penn Asian Senior Services (PASSi) to support their linguistic and cultural training programs for Home Health Aides and Certified Nurse Aides. Funding will be used to develop a pool of bilingual direct care workers in order to address the disparity in long-term healthcare for the growing immigrant population in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Recipient:** Pennsylvania Women Work

**Location:** 411 Seventh Avenue, Suite 925, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pennsylvania Women Work for their New Career Choices for Pennsylvanians program. Funding will be used to provide career counseling, job training, and placement services for 400 single parents and displaced homemakers in Pennsylvania, with the goal that 80% of these individuals will be placed in family sustaining jobs, and the remainder will be placed in training that will eventually lead to gainful employment. The project will be delivered in six (6) locations in the Commonwealth.

**Recipient:** Philadelphia Opportunities Industrialization Center

**Location:** 1231 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia Opportunities Industrialization Center, including their employment training program. Funding will be used to train 150 students per year in the areas of hotel front office operations, guest services and culinary arts. Specifically, funding will be used for provide for staff, operating expenses, and related administrative costs.

**Recipient:** Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board

**Location:** 1601 Market Street, Suite 1500, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board to support their effort to improve access to employment services for companies in the life sciences sector. The project will gather information on emerging regional life science companies to better understand their direction of growth and workforce demand. Based on those strategies, the project will identify dislocated life science workers and evaluate the most promising cross credentialing and retraining programs of value to the industry offering certifications in those areas.

**Recipient:** Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce

**Location:** 850 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA 15108

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce for their Business Incubator and Workforce Development Program. Funding will be used to offer entrepreneurial training, women in business training and leadership development to reinforce the unemployed workforce, veterans, military graduates, aged workforce and the youth entering the workforce surrounding the Airport Area. Workshops, seminars and classes are administered by volunteer lecturers. These workshops focus on business skills such as communications, networking, accounting, and cultural awareness.

**Recipient:** Scranton Electricians JATC

**Location:** 431 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Scranton Electricians JATC in support of their Solar Photovoltaics Systems project. Funding will be used to train approximately 125 unemployed members, journeymen and apprentices in the practices of the installation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems, as Pennsylvania requires the people working on these installations to be certified. After the first training program, the rest of Scranton Electricians JATC's 380 members will also receive certification training. The program will result in greater levels of employment for the residents of northeastern Pennsylvania.

**Recipient:** Steamfitters Local 449 and Plumbers Local 27

**Location:** 1517 Woodruff Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15220

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Steamfitters Local 449 and Plumbers Local 27 training program. Funding will be used for equipment and instructor training. This comprehensive, extensive training program for those entering the pipe trades industry in Pennsylvania focuses on teaching individuals about codes, drainage and water supply. This program offers training for commercial work on commercial and industrial buildings larger than three stories, including the installation of the water and gas systems in large multipurpose dwellings, such as apartment buildings or major nursing and assisted living homes. Apprentices in the pipe trade industry need training and retraining in order to maintain the highest level of safety and skill possible. Additionally, this project will help stimulate economic growth throughout region, as well as the country, and will help to maximize job creation

**Recipient:** Technical Assistance for Emerging Contractors

**Location:** 1415 North Broad Street, Suite #229, Philadelphia, PA 19122

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Technical Assistance for Emerging Contractors to support their employment training, including the Introduction to Building Construction and Weatherization Training program. Funding will be used for the continued development of their Building Construction and Weatherization comprehensive apprentice training program, with the goal of utilizing skilled trade workers as the stepping stone to economic empowerment.

**Recipient:** United Way of Allegheny County

**Location:** 1250 Penn Avenue, PO Box 735, Pittsburgh, PA 15230

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for United Way of Allegheny County, including the Pathways to Health Careers program. Funding will be used to make young people aware of job opportunities in healthcare in southwestern Pennsylvania and direct them into pathways to get those jobs. Students who express interest in healthcare careers will have opportunities to be mentored, to visit professional healthcare workers at their job sites, get assistance with graduation projects and post-secondary education planning and be directed into appropriate career preparation courses while still in school.

**Recipient:** United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley

**Location:** 2200 Avenue A, Third Floor, Bethlehem, PA 18017

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for United Way of Greater Lehigh Valley, including their partnership with Community Partners for Student Success (COMPASS). Funding will be used to provide training, salary, and oversight of thirteen (13) currently unemployed parents to assist with developing and implementing parent engagement efforts, and gathering data and improving performance measurement at schools across the Bethlehem area.

**Recipient:** Urban League of Philadelphia

**Location:** 121 South Broad Street, 9th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Urban League of Philadelphia to support their employment programs. Funding will be used for staff, equipment, and related administrative costs. The Urban League's employment programs include: Economic Development programs; the Urban League Career Center, which provides professional development skills to help people secure employment; the Urban League Employment Network, which helps job individuals gain access to employment opportunities; the Connect to Work program, which trains job seekers for customized employment positions and the Urban Professional Connections program, which works to decrease the income and employment gap. The Urban League estimates that these programs will provide direct services to more than 10,000 people living in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia and median income persons living in its surrounding suburbs.

**Recipient:** Western PA Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship

**Location:** 107 Operators Way, New Alexandria, PA 15670

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Western PA Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship for job training and workforce development. Funding will be used for job training programs targeted at heavy equipment operators and heavy equipment mechanics. Additional programmatic costs include: materials, curriculum development,



curriculum transition to digital and electronic media, class room tools and computer equipment for heavy equipment operators and heavy equipment mechanics serving half of Pennsylvania.

**Recipient:** Women's Opportunities Resource Center

**Location:** 2010 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Women's Opportunity Resource Center in support of their Self Employment Assistance (SEA) Program. Funding will be used to provide self employment training to low to moderate income individuals that are unemployed, underemployed or dislocated Pennsylvanians. The SEA Program will allow both male and female dislocated workers who are likely to exhaust their unemployment benefits an opportunity to establish their own business. They are able to maintain their unemployment compensation while they receive entrepreneurial, business counseling, and business plan development training. The SEA Program will result in participants improving both their own economic well-being and the economy of their community.

**Recipient:** The Workplace Technology Foundation

**Location:** 588 N. Gulph Road, Ste. 110, King of Prussia, PA 19406

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Workplace Technology Foundation to support their One More Way to Drive Employment program. Funding would be used to assist in the hiring of individuals with disabilities by educating job seekers, agencies and businesses on the advantages and incentives available when hiring individuals with disabilities; to provide information via monthly tele-seminars targeted to each group; and to make connections readily available for job seekers and employers looking to find applicants from this diverse pool of workers.

**Recipient:** Wrightco Educational Foundation

**Location:** 13565 Dunning Highway, Claysburg, PA 16625

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wrightco Education Foundation for their employment training program. Funding will provide short term technical training in high-demand, high-tech industries which will provide industry recognized diplomas, certificates, international certifications and posting of college credits.

### **U.S. Department of Labor (programs)**

#### **Employment and Training Administration:**

**Veterans Training:** I encourage the committee to provide robust funding to support programs seeking to reduce the incidence of homelessness among veterans.

Mine Safety and Health Administration:

**Mine Safety and Health Administration:** I urge the subcommittee to provide \$360 million for MSHA to enhance the protection of America's mineworkers.

Occupational Health and Safety Administration:

**Occupational Health and Safety Administration:** I urge the Subcommittee to support the President's request for an increase of \$14 million in funding for OSHA by providing \$573 million to ensure the safety of America's workers.

Workforce Investment Act:

**Job Corp:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1.764 billion for the Job Corp program, a slight increase over fiscal year 2010. This program provides important job training and education services to at-risk youth.

**Green Jobs Innovation Fund:** I support the President's request of \$85 million for the green jobs innovation fund to support the development of this promising economic sector.

**U.S. Department of Labor (report language)**

Employment and Training Administration:

"Within the funds provided for youth ex-offender activities, no less than \$20,000,000 is included for awards for national and multi-state intermediary grants for minority communities. Grantees must have a demonstrated capacity to serve young offenders and for which there is a proven track record as determined by a nationally-recognized independent evaluator."

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (grants)**

Administration for Children and Families (ACF):

**Recipient:** Berks County Women in Crises

**Location:** 1008 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Berks County Women in Crises to provide safe housing and childcare assistance to victims of domestic and sexual

violence. Along with necessary housing, their facility includes a childcare center licensed that provides early learning and support for at risk children. This funding will support programs that are effective in assisting victims of domestic and sexual violence to attain self sufficiency and safety, which is vital for their well being and that of their children.

**Recipient:** Crisis Center North, Incorporated

**Location:** 1008 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Crisis Center North, Incorporated for services to victims of domestic violence. Specifically, funding will support a 24-hour hotline, increased access to counseling and advocacy services, and prevention education services. The American Medical Association lists domestic violence as the number one health threat to American women. Funding will allow the crisis center to continue to provide services to victims in Pennsylvania and help them to attain safety and stability.

**Recipient:** PathWaysPA

**Location:** 310 Amosland Road, Holmes, PA 19043

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for PathWaysPA for a program to provide supportive services to pregnant and parenting teens. The program will include parenting services, education advocacy, life skills training and community resources. The program will help to prevent child abuse and neglect, strengthen families and communities and save taxpayer dollars. The project has been shown to reduce foster care placements and improve health and behavioral outcomes for the teens and their children.

#### Administration on Aging (AOA):

**Recipient:** Evangelical Services for the Aging

**Location:** 928 Jaymor Road, Suite B-150, Southampton, PA 18966

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wesley Enhanced Living for a feasibility study and development of SHIFT, an affordable healthcare and housing model for low- to middle-income seniors in Pennsylvania. With an ever-growing senior population, the need for quality and sustainable long term care services is increasing. The SHIFT model will offer comprehensive health and housing services to seniors and aims to achieve financial stability and sustainability in long term care programs.

**Recipient:** Jewish Family and Children's Services of Philadelphia

**Location:** 2100 Arch St, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Jewish Family and Children's Services of Philadelphia for services at a naturally occurring retirement community. This project will develop care management protocols to assist older adults in managing diabetes or heart disease, including coaching older adults to track health status and know when to contact

health providers. These protocols for chronic disease management are intended to empower the elderly to use their network of health and support services in order to improve health and reduce Medicare spending related to hospital visits.

**Recipient:** Jewish Family Services of York

**Location:** 2000 Hollywood Drive, York PA 17403

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Jewish Family Services of York for services at a naturally occurring retirement community. The project will develop a model of supportive services to help older adults age in place, to provide quality care at a lower cost and focus on prevention and wellness. It will locate significant gaps in service provision; improve seniors' access to existing services; and bring needed preventive and social programs to them in their neighborhood, where they are most likely to access them. This will decrease hospital and nursing home admissions, decrease the need for Agency on Aging protective service interventions, and decrease absenteeism among adult-children caretakers of seniors.

**Recipient:** NewCourtland Elder Services

**Location:** 1845 Walnut Street, 12th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for NewCourtland Elder Services for a dementia training program. This programs aims to improve provider awareness of and care for dementia patients by educating them in the unique aspects of the disease. Due to symptoms such as loss of memory, judgment, language, complex motor skills, and other intellectual functions, delivering health care to persons with dementia requires a unique approach. Educating health care professionals in the awareness of, and care for the growing dementia population can result in reduced health care costs by identifying issues earlier in treatment, ensuring that these patients' medical situations do not deteriorate into more intensive, costlier care.

**Recipient:** Pennsylvania Homecare Association

**Location:** 20 Erford Road, Suite 115, Lemoyne, PA 17043

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pennsylvania Homecare Association for chronic care management services for older Pennsylvanians. This project aims to fill a gap in services to address seniors' chronic conditions that frequently cause hospitalizations, and in some cases nursing home placement. The service will work with home health agencies to help older Pennsylvanians manage their chronic conditions, such as congestive heart failure, diabetes or pulmonary disease, independently and at home rather than in hospitals and nursing homes. This project will help to keep seniors safely at home and reduce expensive hospital and nursing home costs.

**Recipient:** Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement

**Location:** 625 Liberty Avenue, Suite 3200, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement to provide financial information and resources on retirement, care giving and long-term care planning to women at risk of being destitute in their later years. According to research, 1 in 4 older women lives in poverty, and with the growing aging population, the numbers of women with limited resources will increase as well. The services the institute provides will help to ensure the long-term financial viability of these women and improve their quality of life in retirement.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

**Recipient:** Albert Einstein Healthcare Network

**Location:** 5501 Old York Road, Philadelphia, PA 19141

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Albert Einstein Healthcare Network for health promotion and education campaigns for Jewish genetic diseases. These programs will assist community leaders and public health professionals in their efforts to educate young Jewish adults on the higher risk of carrier rates for several Jewish genetic diseases. One in five Ashkenazi Jews in the United States is a carrier for one of 11 common Jewish genetic diseases. All of these diseases are severe, and many are fatal in childhood. Health education is necessary to raise awareness of the generational risks, and the effective screening and counseling measures available to prevent them.

**Recipient:** Alliance of Pennsylvania Councils

**Location:** 3461 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011-4441

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Alliance of Pennsylvania Councils for a statewide weight management screening and education program. Under this program, low-income women who are in their prime reproductive years will be screened for obesity and offered education, counseling, and referrals on weight management, nutrition and fitness. According to the CDC, reducing obesity among women of child bearing age is critical to an overall strategy to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes.

**Recipient:** City of Philadelphia

**Location:** 600 Municipal Services Building, 1401 JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19102

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the City of Philadelphia for a city-wide electronic prenatal care registry. This registry will help to improve the safety and quality of care for pregnant women by linking community-based providers with hospitals to ensure timely and accurate sharing of information. An electronic prenatal care registry would address obstetrical and primary care providers' need for timely access to accurate clinical information from the prenatal period.

**Recipient:** Family Hospice & Palliative Care

**Location:** 50 Moffett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Family Hospice & Palliative Care for educational programs on end-of-life care. These programs will include education to family caregivers on heart failure and dementia. Education on end-of-life care prepares Americans for the inevitable. It teaches them to make informed decisions either for a loved one or for themselves and it develops coping skills that improves the quality of life so that final months are lived with integrity.

**Recipient:** Healthy Northeast Pennsylvania Initiative

**Location:** 100 Abington Executive Park, Clarks Summit, PA 18411

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for educational programs to address and prevent obesity. The project will address lifestyle, nutrition, mental health, and chronic conditions caused by obesity such as diabetes and hypertension. Over the past 20 years there has been a dramatic increase in obesity in the United States, leading to an increase in adverse health consequences including hypertension, diabetes type II, and other chronic conditions. Programming on obesity will assist in the elimination and lowering the incidence of chronic conditions.

**Recipient:** Northeast Regional Cancer Institute

**Location:** 334 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute for cancer epidemiology based research, documenting incidence and mortality for common cancers in northeastern Pennsylvania. In northeastern Pennsylvania, incidence rates for a number of cancers are significantly higher than the U.S. rates. The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute will address these cancer disparities by conducting epidemiological cancer surveillance within a seven-county area in northeast Pennsylvania. The results of this epidemiology research will be used to direct cancer control activities and provide regional healthcare providers with current and valid data for use in planning cancer treatment services.

**Recipient:** Penn State Milton S. Hershey

**Location:** 500 University Drive, R110, Hershey, PA 17033

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Penn State Milton S. Hershey for health promotion activities for rural women. These activities will address the health needs of rural women and provide for preventive health care and research. Many women in rural Central Pennsylvania live in medically underserved communities and this project aims to improve their health care and potentially reduce costs for the medical treatment.

**Recipient:** Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition

**Location:** 344 North Reading Road, Ephrata, PA 17522

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition to increase awareness of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and

Treatment Program within the state of Pennsylvania and to continue Coalition's patient advocacy efforts. There is a large number of women and providers in Pennsylvania who are not aware of, or do not know how to access, treatment options for breast cancer, including the free treatment which became available through the Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention & Treatment Program in Pennsylvania. This initiative tries to ensure that women do not fall through the cracks in the healthcare system, and that all who qualify for free breast cancer treatment receive it.

**Recipient:** University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

**Location:** 373 Burrows Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15213

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for their Minority Women's Heart Initiative. The study has identified a large community-based group of African American women with significant cardiovascular risk factors, cardiovascular disease, and comorbid depression. This project will continue outreach and add research into the prevalence of depression rates. African-American women ages 35 to 64 in Western Pennsylvania have much higher morbidity and mortality rates compared to similar aged Caucasian women and the greatest disparity among women relates to heart disease. Overall, African-American women have more than twice the rate of death due to heart disease, compared to Caucasian women.

**Recipient:** Wellness of You, Inc.

**Location:** 814 S. 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wellness of You, Inc. for wellness and disease prevention programming. This project will inform individuals, specifically minorities from low-income households and neighborhoods, on how to make healthy choices that will improve their lives. Programs include health screenings, children's health workshops, and nutrition education. These programs aim to improve the health of the community through a variety of outreach efforts.

#### Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA):

**Recipient:** Allied Services Foundation

**Location:** 100 Abington Executive Park, Clarks Summit, PA 18411

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Allied Services Foundation for renovations and equipment upgrades. This will improve accommodations for northeastern Pennsylvanians with Alzheimer's or other dementias, improve patients' safety and facilitate the work of their clinicians and caregivers. Alzheimer's affects 5.1 million Americans and those numbers are expected to increase in the coming years.

**Recipient:** Altoona Regional Health System

**Location:** 620 Howard Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Altoona Regional Health System to procure new electronic medical record software applications. This project will utilize computerized physician order entry, which allows real-time patient identification, drug dose recommendations, adverse drug reaction reviews, allergy checks, reduces delays in order completion and errors related to handwriting or transcription. Electronic health records increase patient safety, help eliminate health care errors and reduce health care costs.

**Recipient:** Bloomsburg Hospital

**Location:** 549 Fair Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Bloomsburg Hospital for equipment and renovation of a facility. This will support their Rural Healthcare Initiative, adding complementary services and physician care for residents living 25 miles from the nearest hospital or emergent care facility and for whom there is no public transportation. Proposed complementary services to laboratory include radiology, physical therapy, cardiac care and rehabilitation, postoperative care, occupational medicine and emergent care.

**Recipient:** Blue Mountain Health System

**Location:** 211 North 12th Street, Lehighton, PA 18235

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Blue Mountain Health System to replace and upgrade the diagnostic imaging equipment at Palmerton Hospital and Gnadon Huetten Memorial Hospital in Carbon County Pennsylvania. The current imaging equipment is past what is considered its “useful life.” Access to reliable, high-quality diagnostic equipment is vital for the care and safety of the patients these hospitals serve.

**Recipient:** Butler Health System

**Location:** 911 East Brady Street, Butler, PA 16001

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Butler Health System for equipment. Specifically, funding will be used for a 3/4D ultrasound system, a digital portable x-ray system, and an upgrade to the Hospital’s MRI system. This equipment will allow for more accurate, timely and reliable diagnosis of patient illnesses, which will help to expedite treatment.

**Recipient:** Casa Guadalupe Center

**Location:** 143 Linden Street, Allentown, PA 18101

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Casa Guadalupe Center to support the delivery of healthcare services. The neighborhood that Casa Guadalupe Center serves is one of the most physically and economically distressed areas in Allentown. Funding will be used to purchase equipment to support health services, including services for women, infants, and children in the areas of nutrition and childhood obesity and HIV prevention services to at-risk women.



**Recipient:** Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center, Inc.

**Location:** 212 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Catholic Charities Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center for laboratory services, medical and dental equipment to provide free medical and dental services to individuals without insurance and ineligible for government assistance. There are a high number of uninsured individuals in the Pittsburgh area and the center provides a safety net of care for the working poor who lack adequate health insurance.

**Recipient:** Charles Cole Memorial Hospital

**Location:** 1001 East Second Street, Coudersport, PA 16915

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Charles Cole Memorial Hospital for the purchase of new medical equipment. The new equipment will be allocated to the hospital's Emergency Department to support the expansion of the hospital's surgical suite, replace outdated equipment in the Emergency Department, and meet mandates for electronic medical record systems. Funding will also be used to purchase specialty stretchers, computers and monitors for the electronic medical record systems, and supply carts.

**Recipient:** Children's Home of Pittsburgh

**Location:** 5324 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Children's Home of Pittsburgh to secure durable medical equipment and supplies. This equipment will allow the Children's Home continue to offer family-centered care to children suffering from a wider range of diagnoses and maladies. The Children's Home educates and prepares families on how to provide proper care to their child once they are home from the hospital, which decreases the likelihood of subsequent re-hospitalization and emergency visits.

**Recipient:** Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

**Location:** 34th Street and Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to provide for the purchase of the CereTom, an 8-slice CT scanner that delivers the highest quality Non-Contrast, Angiography, Contrast Perfusion and Xenon Perfusion scans. This machine will allow bedside imaging for pediatric patients that are too ill to be transported to the Hospital's Radiology Department, providing better care to the patient and lowering the risk of transporting sick patients who are unstable. Bedside scans also allow parents to engage in the care of their child and keep the patient calm and still, which results in improved experiences and outcomes. The technology also has applications in surgery, making it possible for physicians and clinicians to access images in the operating room and determine if a procedure has been successful in real-time, before it is concluded.

**Recipient:** Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

**Location:** 1 Childrens Hospital Drive, 3401 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for a Multidimensional Surgical Imaging system. This will allow surgeons to perform complicated surgeries with the least amount of invasion and the quickest recoveries. The hospital is seen as a leader in specialized brain and spinal surgery, and this equipment will allow them to continue to provide high quality care to children in Pennsylvania.

**Recipient:** Children's Institute of Pittsburgh

**Location:** 1405 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Children's Institute of Pittsburgh for medical equipment. Specifically, funding would be used for Lokomats, pediatric therapy devices which utilizes robotics to simulate walking patterns for patients. This should increase the speed, intensity, quality of rehabilitation for patients. Funding will also be used for a digitizer, a compact imaging system to efficiently scan, store and transmit X-rays. This equipment should lead to faster patient care, by increasing the speed, accuracy and communication level to other patient providers.

**Recipient:** Clarion Hospital

**Location:** 1 Hospital Drive, Clarion, PA 16214

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Clarion Hospital, including funding for the purchase of a nuclear imaging camera. Clarion Hospital is the primary health care provider for over 68,500 residents in the Clarion region. The new camera would replace the Hospital's current equipment, which is very unreliable and does not have the technology necessary to meet current and future diagnostic requirements; a new camera will ensure that hospital patients will not need to travel to another facility for critical tests.

**Recipient:** Clearfield-Jefferson Community Mental Health Center

**Location:** 100 Caldwell Drive, DuBois, PA 15801

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Clearfield-Jefferson Community Mental Health Center for renovation purposes. Funding will be used to renovate the Clearfield-Jefferson Community Mental Health Center's Clearfield office. The additional space will enable the Mental Health Center to offer additional services such as behavioral health rehabilitative services, psychiatric rehabilitation, and group therapy. This project will expand access to vital mental health care for the communities it serves.

**Recipient:** Community Medical Center

**Location:** 1800 Mulberry Street, Scranton, PA 18510

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Community Medical Center for renovation. Specifically funding will be used to replace the A-Wing and B-Wing

Roof, which covers the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as well as the Trauma Clinic. Replacing the roof will protect the NICU and Trauma Clinic from leaks and contamination. This will ensure the continued operation of the NICU and Trauma Clinic, as well as allow for future expansion to meet the communities and region's future needs.

**Recipient:** Conemaugh Health System

**Location:** 1086 Franklin Street, Johnstown, PA 15905

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Conemaugh Health System for computerized provider order entry software implementation. The software enables providers to document orders directly into the information system, which should increase patient safety improve the quality of care by reducing medication and transcription errors and incorporating evidence-based-medicine into the order entry process.

**Recipient:** Dickinson Mental Health Center

**Location:** PO Box 599, St. Marys, PA 15857

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Dickinson Mental Health Center in support of their consolidation of office locations into a central facility. Funding would be used to construct a new office location. Their current main office location is inadequate due to organizational growth and expansion, and the facility itself is in need of significant upgrades, repairs, and re-modeling, lacking adequate space for conducting specific out-patient service components. A new office location would allow Dickinson Mental Health Center to better provide good overall health care.

**Recipient:** Drexel University School of Medicine

**Location:** 3141 Chestnut Street, Main Building, Suite 228, Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Drexel University School of Medicine in support of their electronic medical records project. The project will promote personal accountability for health decisions and outcomes by extending the benefits of electronic health records from the hospital and physician offices to the individual. Specifically, funding will be used to purchase commercially available software and content licenses, as well as to carry out community outreach, training, and for related purposes.

**Recipient:** DuBois Regional Medical Center

**Location:** 100 Hospital Avenue, PO Box 447, DuBois, PA 15801

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for DuBois Regional Medical Center to purchase a urology table for the operating room for patients undergoing surgical procedures on the urinary tract. DuBois Regional Medical Center has a high volume of patients needing urology surgeries and a special urology table is required for them to position them appropriately for surgery. This equipment will increase safety for patients and staff by reducing radiation exposure and improving visualization for the urologist.

**Recipient:** Elk Regional Health Center

**Location:** 763 Johnsonburg Road, St. Marys, PA 15857

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Elk Regional Health Center to replace outdated Ultrasound machines. These Ultrasound machines would be used in the Radiology Department and Women's Imaging Suite for general diagnostic medical imaging and obstetric and diagnostic sonography. This equipment will improve the quality of care for patients.

**Recipient:** Endless Mountains Health Systems

**Location:** 1-3 Grow Avenue, Montrose, PA 18801

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Endless Mountains Health Systems for constructing and equipping a replacement Critical Access Hospital. The facility will replace a facility which is well beyond capacity. A new facility will improve access, safety and quality for patients and improve recruitment and retention of health professionals.

**Recipient:** Ephrata Community Hospital

**Location:** 169 Martin Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Ephrata Community Hospital, including for the expansion of its emergency department. Funding will be used for construction and equipment costs. The addition and renovation of the emergency department will increase the hospital's complement of emergency treatment areas from the current to 26 treatment areas; provide additional work space for physicians, nurses, and other staff; create more observation and holding spaces for patients; include a new behavioral health crisis center; add a fast track area for trauma patients; and include a dedicated point-of-services area for incoming stroke patients.

**Recipient:** Evangelical Community Hospital

**Location:** One Hospital Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Evangelical Community Hospital in support of their new heart catheterization lab. As part of the hospital's cardiovascular and surgical expansion, funding will be used to purchase imaging equipment, which is the most important piece of equipment for the operation of these labs. This project will provide vital upgrades in medical technology to the central Pennsylvania region. As part of a nationwide trend, the hospital has identified heart catheterization as a critical need to aging populations, as well as an invaluable tool for diagnosing early on-set congenital heart disease among children and women.

**Recipient:** Excelsior Health Latrobe Hospital

**Location:** One Mellon Way, Latrobe, PA 15650

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital in support of their electronic medical records project. The project will promote personal accountability for health decisions and outcomes by extending the benefits of electronic health records from the hospital and physician offices to the individual. Specifically, funding will be used to purchase commercially available software and content licenses, as well as to carry out community outreach, training, and for related purposes.

**Recipient:** Fox Chase Cancer Center

**Location:** 333 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Fox Chase Cancer Center for medical equipment to support patient treatment and cancer research. This equipment includes equipment for minimally invasive surgery, which would result in less trauma to patient, smaller incisions, and fewer complications resulting in shorter hospital stays and less pain. Equipment would also be acquired for Guided Radiation Oncology Program development to reduce exposure and side effects during treatment. Funding would be used for Breast Specific Gamma Imaging equipment, which can identify conditions that cannot be detected with mammography or ultrasound.

**Recipient:** Fulton County Medical Center

**Location:** 214 Peach Orchard Road, McConnellsburg, PA 17233

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Fulton County Medical Center for medical equipment. The funding will be used to improve diagnostic testing and patient care by replacing or upgrading equipment that has reached its useful life. Funding would also be used to replace sterilization equipment in the surgical services area as required by the FDA.

**Recipient:** Geisinger Health System

**Location:** 100 North Academy Avenue, Danville, PA 17822

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Geisinger Health System to purchase and install an Electronic Intensive Care Unit Telemedicine System. The system incorporates centralized monitoring of ICU beds from a command center. This technology will result in improved and more efficient health care for rural patients living in North Central and Northeastern Pennsylvania and help stabilize financially distressed community hospitals by providing them with critical care outreach services and access to highly trained specialists currently unavailable to them.

**Recipient:** Gettysburg Hospital

**Location:** 912 S. George Street, York, PA 17403

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Gettysburg Hospital in support of the expansion of their Emergency Department. Funding will be used for equipment and related costs. The current Emergency Department has 13 bays that are separated by curtains.

The expanded Emergency Department will have 16 private rooms with more sophisticated monitors and smart pumps for reducing medication errors, resulting in the highest quality of care and patient safety.

**Recipient:** Good Shepherd

**Location:** 850 South 5th Street, Allentown, PA 18103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Good Shepherd to purchase medical equipment for inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation. This equipment is necessary for expanding hospital rehabilitation programs in order to enhance the health of adults and children with disabilities. This equipment will allow the hospital to serve more patients and continue to provide quality care.

**Recipient:** Grand View Hospital

**Location:** 700 Lawn Avenue, Sellersville, PA 18960

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Grand View Hospital in support of expanding and modernizing the hospital's Emergency Room capacity and capabilities. Demand for Emergency Room services at Grand View Hospital continues to expand and has outstripped capacity due to the physical and size limitations of existing facilities. The population of the surrounding area is aging and expanding, causing great stress on the hospital's physical facilities.

**Recipient:** Gwynedd-Mercy College

**Location:** 1325 Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd Valley, PA 19437

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Gwynedd-Mercy College for equipment and renovation of their Adult Health Center, to support primary care and mental health visits. This will expand and enhance access to health care for uninsured, underinsured, and underserved residents within Philadelphia region by providing additional patient care visits. The health services provided by improve access to primary care and behavioral health services for populations who historically lack access and provide for the education of nursing students in community settings.

**Recipient:** Hamot Medical Center of the City of Erie, PA

**Location:** 201 State Street, Erie PA 16550

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Hamot Medical Center of the City of Erie, PA for equipment. This will be used for their Healthcare Workflow Automation Technology project, which employs tools for managing patient flow and bed preparation, reducing wait times, increasing capacity and decreasing overall Length of Stay. This should assist in reducing healthcare costs and enhance quality of care and patient safety.

**Recipient:** Hanover Hospital, Inc.

**Location:** 300 Highland Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Hanover Hospital, Inc. for equipment and construction of a dedicated Wound Care Center. Hanover Hospital treats one of the oldest populations in the nation, which unfortunately also suffers from higher rates of obesity and diabetes than the national average. Diabetes often results in chronic wounds that will not heal. With the projected increases in the number of individuals suffering from diabetes, Hanover anticipates that it will have a capacity problem treating patients with open, chronic wounds in the near future. Funding will be used for equipment and construction.

**Recipient:** HCSC Blood Center T/A Miller-Keystone Blood Center

**Location:** 1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem, PA 18017

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for HCSC Blood Center T/A Miller-Keystone Blood Center to purchase equipment. Funding will be used to acquire a second testing instrument, the PK7300, which is the only instrument performing blood typing and Syphilis testing at MKBC. This equipment is vital, as the blood center is the only blood provider for 16 hospitals in eastern Pennsylvania.

**Recipient:** Highlands Hospital

**Location:** 401 East Murphy Avenue, Connellsville, PA 15425

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Highlands Hospital for construction of an autism center in Fayette County. Currently, children and their families must leave the Fayette County area to seek autism services. Developed in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic Autism Consulting Group, the autism center would provide developmental screening and a day program for children diagnosed with developmental issues. Additionally, transitional services, medication management, and physician and staff consultations for children and their families will be offered. This center will help identify and then provide a structured program for children with the diagnosis of autism.

**Recipient:** Holy Family University

**Location:** 9801 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114-2009

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Holy Family University for equipment and renovation costs associated with the creation of a Digital Radiography Lab within the Radiologic Science program. The Digital Radiography Lab will allow the University to aptly train certified radiographers, an important workforce need.

**Recipient:** Holy Redeemer Health System

**Location:** 667 Welsh Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Holy Redeemer Health System for construction of a health care facility to provide health and wellness services for adults over 50 years old. Focusing on health, wellness and prevention is a good investment for older

adults and can be expected to improve quality of life and decrease health care costs for these citizens.

**Recipient:** Holy Spirit Health System

**Location:** 503 N. 21st Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Holy Spirit Health System to replace outdated patient monitors with wireless digital telemetry devices at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, PA. The upgrade will allow integration with the hospital's electronic medical records while improving efficiency, patient safety, and quality of care.

**Recipient:** Indiana Regional Medical Center

**Location:** 835 Hospital Road, Indiana, PA 15701

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Indiana Regional Medical Center for expansion of its Emergency Department. This funding will allow Indiana Regional Medical Center to service the increasing number of patients with innovative facilities and premium care. This project will provide upgraded emergency services for this rural community where access is limited to these services.

**Recipient:** J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital

**Location:** 935 14th Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital for construction of a new facility adjacent to the current Emergency Department. This new space will include a rapid access clinic, minor procedure rooms, observation/work up area, and critical care area. This project will meet the need of increasing emergency department visits.

**Recipient:** Jameson Memorial Hospital

**Location:** 1211 Wilmington Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Jameson Memorial Hospital to renovate and expand the emergency room and update equipment. This will provide upgraded emergency services for this community where access is limited to these services. This will improve access and quality of care.

**Recipient:** Jefferson Regional Medical Center

**Location:** 565 Coal Valley Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Jefferson Regional Medical Center to renovate and expand the surgical suite and replace technology and equipment. Updated facilities will provide state of the art technology to provide comprehensive care for the community.



**Recipient:** Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation

**Location:** 1001 State Street, Suite 1400, Erie, PA 16501

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation to expand the research of the Kanzius Project. Funding will be used to bring a non-invasive treatment for cancer to human clinical trials. Over 500,000 people in the United States die from cancer every year. Further research is needed for effective and safer treatments to treat the millions of cancer patients and reduce deaths.

**Recipient:** KidsPeace Corporation

**Location:** 4085 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for KidsPeace Corporation for integrated software applications designed to support the delivery of safe, cost effective client care. The mental health services provided at the KidsPeace Children's Hospital and other KidsPeace programs are often based on a treatment team approach. The new software will integrate information across administrative, financial and clinical departments, which will help KidsPeace to function more efficiently and in the best interest of the children who receive care at their facilities.

**Recipient:** Lehigh Valley Hospital

**Location:** 1249 South Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lehigh Valley Hospital for the installation of patient lifts. The use of patient lifts protects both patient and caregiver. With the increasing obesity epidemic, the use of patient lifts is a necessity to protect, satisfy and retain nurses. Nurses are retiring at an earlier age when faced with the exertion of lifting more and more obese patients. Funding will be used to continue working toward providing patient lifts in all patient rooms.

**Recipient:** Lower Bucks Hospital

**Location:** 501 Bath Road, Bristol, PA 19007

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lower Bucks Hospital for an upgrade to their existing catheterization laboratory. With an upgraded cath lab, lower Bucks County residents with severe cardiac difficulties will no longer need to travel far from home to undergo the latest cardiac catheterization, angioplasty, medicated stent insertion, or major cardiac bypass or reconstructive surgery. Funding will be used for the purchase of equipment.

**Recipient:** Memorial Hospital

**Location:** 325 South Belmont Street, PO Box 15118, York, PA 17405

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Memorial Hospital for the purchase of new ultrasound equipment. The growing population of York County has placed increased demand on Memorial Hospital. The "wear and tear" on equipment as a result of this

growth necessitates replacement on a routine schedule to assure high quality images for diagnosis and treatment. New ultrasound equipment will allow Memorial Hospital to provide enhanced imaging to patients, resulting in higher quality outcomes.

**Recipient:** Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital

**Location:** 1500 Lansdowne Avenue, Darby, PA 19023

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital for the purchase of electrophysiology equipment. From 2006-2016, the only age population projected to grow in Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital's market is the 60-74 age group. This particular population would benefit most from a comprehensive cardiovascular care program that includes updated electrophysiology services capable of accurately diagnosing and treating cardiac patients.

**Recipient:** Mercy Hospital Scranton

**Location:** 746 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mercy Hospital Scranton, including funding for renovations to their Emergency Department. The project will increase the availability and quality of care for residents of Lackawanna County by providing them with a state of the art Emergency Department containing the most accurate and current technology. In addition, the renovation will provide for more efficient patient flow and a more secure area for patient confidentiality. The design of the new Emergency Department will allow for the hospital to enhance communications with each patient's primary physician and improve the flow of medical information. Funding will be used for renovation, construction, and equipment.

**Recipient:** Mercy Philadelphia Hospital

**Location:** 501 South 54th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mercy Philadelphia Hospital, including the purchase of a new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit. It is well known that MRI images allow physicians to effectively evaluate parts of the body and certain diseases that may not be assessed adequately with other imaging methods such as x-ray, CT, CAT scan. Mercy Philadelphia Hospital is a significant healthcare provider to individuals on Medicaid and Medical Assistance, as well as individuals and families who have no insurance. Federal funding will help to ensure that those who face the greatest risk of falling victim to disease because of poverty, age and poor access to care are provided with the same opportunity for high-quality care as those who are more fortunate.

**Recipient:** Mercy Suburban Hospital

**Location:** One West Elm Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mercy Suburban Hospital, including the purchase of a linear accelerator. The linear accelerator equipment will be used for patients in need of radiation therapy, which is used to treat all cancers (including breast,

colon/rectal, bronchus & lung, lymphoma, and head and neck) at Mercy Suburban Hospital's Cancer Center. Annually, there are over 4,500 patient visits for chemo and radiation therapies at the hospital's Cancer Center. Of those patients, 59% receive radiation therapy via the linear accelerator, thus making the purchase of the equipment all the more critical.

**Recipient:** Mid Valley Hospital

**Location:** 1400 Main Street, Peckville, PA 18452

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mid Valley Hospital for the purchase of new echocardiogram equipment. Mid Valley Hospital has a high population of elderly patients suffering from heart disease or with a high potential of developing heart problems, and the current equipment used by Mid Valley Hospital is out-of-date, making it difficult to perform life saving tests. Through the purchase of a new echocardiogram machine and reader, physicians and their staffs will be able to react immediately to any potential problems, and disseminate information on a timely basis.

**Recipient:** Milford Health and Wellness Center

**Location:** 111 East Catherine Street, Milford, PA 18337

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Milford Health and Wellness Center for an outpatient diagnostic center. Funding will be used to renovate the existing facility and expand diagnostic services, providing area residents with much needed lab, X-ray, and CAT scan services. The Center plans to renovate and expand its existing space to better serve the demonstrated diagnostic health needs of area residents and to elevate the standard of care for area residents.

**Recipient:** Monongahela Valley Hospital

**Location:** 1163 Country Club Road, Monongahela, PA 15063

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Monongahela Valley Hospital, including the replacement of diagnostic equipment. Funding will be used for two new digital mammography units, one digital fluoroscopy unit, one portable x-ray unit, and one wide bore CT scanner. The purchase of new equipment is essential to the hospital's continued ability to serve its rural Pennsylvania community.

**Recipient:** Mount Nittany Medical Center

**Location:** 1800 East Park Avenue, State College, PA 16803

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mount Nittany Medical Center for purchase of a vehicle to service the health needs in rural central Pennsylvania. This funding will allow the medical center to provide diabetes education and management assistance, which should improve access to and quality of care for underserved populations. Funding will also be used to procure necessary equipment for the mobile health unit.

**Recipient:** Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine

**Location:** 111 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6215 Gibbon Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine to develop two model integrative programs of clinical excellence: an advanced comprehensive health screening program, and a traditional Chinese medicine clinical and training program. The models aim to prevent many health conditions and improve quality of life in cancer patients. This project will expand available resources in the greater Philadelphia area for quality integrative medical care, and increase access to care for many patients.

**Recipient:** Nazareth Hospital

**Location:** 2601 Holmes Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19152

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Nazareth Hospital, including an upgrade to cardiovascular equipment. Funding will be used for the purchase of equipment to include ultrasound scanners and Lifepak 20 defibrillators. Although the hospital's current equipment allows for the monitoring and defibrillation of patients, the older model defibrillators use a higher electrical level than is necessary. The Acuson SC2000 volume imaging ultrasound system provides a real-time full-volume 3D image of the heart acquired in one single heart cycle. This unique technology and application improves diagnostic confidence and workflow in echocardiography. The Lifepak 20 defibrillator is the latest model and the most dynamic and diverse AED device of its kind. The purchase of both pieces of equipment will allow the hospital to better serve its patients.

**Recipient:** Northeastern Pennsylvania Technology Institute

**Location:** 201 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Northeastern Pennsylvania Technology Institute for equipment to implement a regional bioterrorism preparedness network in Northeastern Pennsylvania. An effective and efficient response mechanism in place will help to mitigate the consequences of a bioterrorism attack. A coordinated plan and network would allow for such a response and preserve the welfare of citizens. The existence of such a network would also allow a coordinated response to assist other highly vulnerable areas.

**Recipient:** Ohio Valley General Hospital

**Location:** 25 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Ohio Valley General Hospital in support of upgrading their nuclear medicine technology and facilities. Funding will be used for the purchase of a nuclear medicine camera, as well as related equipment and technology. Ohio Valley General Hospital currently conducts approximately 10,200 nuclear medicine scans per year. An updated nuclear medicine camera will ultimately lower overall costs for Ohio Valley General Hospital and benefit the patients of the hospital by reducing unnecessary admissions, surgeries and other higher cost diagnostics, such as CT and MRI.

**Recipient:** Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation

**Location:** 100 Passavant Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation to purchase equipment and retrofit mobile and land-based dental clinics serving individuals with intellectual and development disabilities across Western Pennsylvania. Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have difficulty accessing quality dental care, which is compounded by low Medicaid reimbursement rates, which dissuade many dentists from accepting patients with disabilities. The mobile dental unit will help to increase access to necessary dental care for this underserved population.

**Recipient:** Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Location:** 4180 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131-1695

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine to develop a new Family Medicine Suite at the PCOM City Avenue Campus. The program will include 8 patient exam rooms, 1 treatment room, and a lab and evaluation area. Funding will also be used for new exam and diagnostic equipment. PCOM's Healthcare Centers were established to serve the medical needs of the community by providing a variety of quality, easily accessible health care services in one location. The new will emphasize patient centered care and benefit low to moderate-income neighborhoods.

**Recipient:** Pike County

**Location:** 506 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pike County to build a regional medical facility. Pike County currently does not have a medical facility and the closest facility is approximately 30 miles away. A regional medical facility will access to care for the growing population; Pike County is the fastest growing county in the state of Pennsylvania.

**Recipient:** PinnacleHealth System

**Location:** 409 South Second Street, P.O. Box 8700, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8700

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for PinnacleHealth System to expand the Emergency Department at PinnacleHealth System's Harrisburg Campus in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This project will increase access to care and emergency services for many uninsured and underinsured in the Pennsylvania Capital Region. The project will enable the emergency department to treat 40,000 more patients each year and include more than 50 larger treatment rooms, four triage rooms, dedicated space for behavioral health patients and a private area for patients who have been sexually assaulted.

**Recipient:** Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health

**Location:** 1200 Reedsdale Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health for medical and dental equipment and medicals beds. This equipment will support an integrated medical, dental, and behavioral health program to remove barriers for vulnerable populations by providing access to medical and dental in the same location as their behavioral and mental treatment occurs. The equipment will help to reduce health care costs and hospitalizations, and create a healthier population.

**Recipient:** Pocono Medical Center

**Location:** 206 East Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pocono Medical Center for the construction of a new cancer facility and the purchase of diagnostic and treatment equipment. The northeast Pennsylvania region has a higher rate of cancer than the state average, in a state that has a higher rate of cancer than the national average. The services to be offered through the hospital's proposed upgrade in cancer services are unavailable elsewhere in this region. A new facility and new and improved equipment will allow the Pocono Medical Center to provide the community with necessary cancer care services.

**Recipient:** Resources for Human Development, Inc.

**Location:** 4700 Wissahickon Avenue, Suite 126, Philadelphia, PA 19141

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Resources for Human Development, Inc. to expand the new dental center at the FPCN Abbottsford/Falls Health Center. The proposed funding will support the acquisition and installation of dental equipment in four new operatories and the acquisition of initial supplies. This funding will allow the Family Practice and Counseling Network to expand its dental services to the North Philadelphia community, which is a Dental Health Professions Shortage Area.

**Recipient:** Sacred Heart Hospital

**Location:** 421 Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18102

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Sacred Heart Hospital for expanded cancer care services for women. Funding will be used to purchase a digital mammogram machine and breast brachytherapy equipment. The digital mammogram machine enables doctors to immediately read and do any subsequent views if needed. As Sacred Heart Hospital is an acute care medical/surgical hospital located in the poorest census tract in Allentown, PA, the immediacy of results is particularly important because it is difficult for patients to return for a separate appointment due to transportation issues. Other equipment upgrades for breast brachytherapy will allow the hospital to continue to treat the complete spectrum of women's cancer needs in one location convenient for patients.

**Recipient:** Saint Clair Hospital

**Location:** 1000 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Clair Hospital for the expansion of operating space. St. Clair serves approximately 350,000 residents of southern Allegheny and northern Washington counties. With the number of patients and surgical cases rising, funding will be used to support the construction and outfitting of a 7,432 square foot addition to the Hospital's operating room suite. The addition will house three new operating rooms, each with the capability for minimally-invasive surgery.

**Recipient:** Saint Luke's Hospital and Health Network

**Location:** 801 Ostrum Street, Bethlehem PA 18015

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network to support the exam equipment and technology needs associated with the move of the St. Luke's Family Health Center to the Fowler Family Southside Center. Working with Northampton Community College, the new Fowler Family Southside Center is an ideal location for medical students to receive practical experience, as the partnership will emphasize the use of a high fidelity simulated learning environment for interdisciplinary education. Once completed, the clinic will employ 74 healthcare workers and 30 students. Funding will be used to purchase exam equipment and technology needs that the students and clinicians will use to care for patients.

**Recipient:** St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital - Pennsburg

**Location:** 2791 Geryvillle Pike, Pennsburg, PA 18073

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital – Pennsburg to purchase equipment to support perinatal services. Growing patient demand has necessitated the purchase of a second perinatal ultrasound for the hospital. Perinatal ultrasound allows the perinatologists to image a mother's abdomen as they manage the health care for multiple births, medical complications of pregnancy, as well as diagnose fetal abnormalities. In addition, ultrasound provides the mother and physician critical information as the pregnancy progresses. The new equipment would allow the hospital to continue to provide perinatal care for pregnant women in the community it serves.

**Recipient:** Saint Mary Medical Center

**Location:** 1201 Langhorne-Newtown Road, Langhorne, PA 19047

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Mary Medical Center for expansion and renovation of the hospital's Emergency Department to accommodate dramatically increased patient demand. The expansion will add approximately 29 new treatment bays to the current emergency department, which will help to reduce wait times, and enable Saint Mary to continue to provide a higher level of emergency/trauma care to its community. This will allow Saint Mary to improve the quality of care it offers and make that care accessible to a greater number of community residents.

**Recipient:** Saint Vincent Health Center

**Location:** 232 West 25th Street, Erie, PA 16544

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Vincent Health Center for construction and equipping of an expanded Emergency Department and operating facility at Saint Vincent Health Center in Erie, Pennsylvania. This project is a part of a 10-year master facilities plan at Saint Vincent, and encompasses a number of enhancements to the existing facility, including increasing in the operating room capacity and creating a state-of-the-art emergency department. These improvements should result in long-term cost savings, an increase in the day-to-day level of efficiency and address community need.

**Recipient:** Sharon Regional Health System

**Location:** 740 E. State Street, Sharon, PA 16146

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Sharon Regional Health System to install Computerized Physician Order Entry. This technology can notify physicians of potential fatal errors such as contra-indicated medications or duplicate orders. This system will increase patient safety, help eliminate health care errors and reduce health care costs.

**Recipient:** Somerset Hospital

**Location:** 225 South Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Somerset Hospital for the purchase and implementation of a high-definition monitoring system that will be located in the hospital's gastroenterology lab. The replacement of the hospital's current digital-imaging monitoring system with a high-definition monitoring system will provide physicians with wide-angle views and improved image clarity of tissue and anatomy during surgeries and procedures. The new equipment monitors will not flicker or have interference like the hospital's current monitors, which have fewer pixels. As a result, the new equipment will significantly reduce poor surgical outcomes and enhance the quality and efficiency of gastroenterology procedures.

**Recipient:** Spectrum Health Services, Inc.

**Location:** 5619-25 Vine Street Philadelphia, PA 19139-1302

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Spectrum Health Services, Inc. to construct a new health center, which will increase the center's overall capacity to provide primary medical, dental and mental health services to the underserved. With more than double the capacity, the new health center will have 34 Examination rooms, 3 Procedure & specialty care examination rooms, a pharmacy dispensary, and adequate rooms to provide integrated behavioral health and social service counseling. Spectrum Health Services is a Federally-qualified-health-center that provides comprehensive primary care health services, health education, and social services to predominantly low income Philadelphians.

**Recipient:** Temple University Health System

**Location:** 2450 West Hunting Park Ave., 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19129

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000



**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Temple University Health System for upgrades and expansion. Specifically, funding will be used to relocate, reconfigure and upgrade triage; construct two additional operating rooms and associated clinical support space to meet the increasing volume of outpatient surgical procedures; and expand the Labor and Delivery suite, including construction of additional operating rooms to handle complicated deliveries. Funding for this initiative will help strengthen their ability to provide quality care to the communities, and help advance goals of improving outcomes, reducing costs and reducing health disparities among disadvantaged populations.

**Recipient:** Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

**Location:** 925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, including their purchase Interventional Radiology equipment. Funding will be used to purchase the Interventional Radiology equipment and to retrofit facilities to house the equipment. Currently, the Interventional Radiology group at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital has a single room with the necessary features for minimally invasive oncologic and vascular procedures. However, the Interventional Radiology division has doubled its outpatient schedule, allowing treatment of more patients each day. Given the unique cutting edge technology in the room currently in use, demand for its use has expanded beyond the scope of practice outlined above. Combined with demand, the additional equipment and new facility space will enable the hospital to better serve its patients.

**Recipient:** Titusville Area Hospital

**Location:** 406 West Oak Street, Titusville, PA 16354

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Titusville Area Hospital in support of the establishment of rural health centers. Funding will be used for the establishment of two Rural Health Centers (RHCs) by relocating two growing primary care medical offices (pediatrics and family medicine) to a larger, centrally located site in the Titusville Area Hospital service area which encompasses parts of four counties in northwest Pennsylvania (Crawford, Forest, Venango, and Warren). Specifically, funding will be used for renovation and construction.

**Recipient:** Treatment Trends, Inc.

**Location:** 24 South Fifth Street, P.O. Box 685, Allentown, PA 18105

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Treatment Trends, Inc. for the expansion of their treatment capacity for their Veterans Sanctuary project. Servicemen and women returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan are returning with increasingly higher percentages of PTSD, increasing the risk factors for substance abuse and addiction. The Veterans Sanctuary program will provide long-term addiction treatment, specialize in the treatment of PTSD, and assist veterans and their families by intervening in periods of acute distress. The program will act to sustain recovery and assist in the transition back into civilian life. Funding will be used for equipment to accompany the facility expansion.

**Recipient:** Tyrone Hospital

**Location:** 187 Hospital Drive, Tyrone, PA 16686

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Tyrone Hospital for renovation. Tyrone Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital providing healthcare services to residents of rural Pennsylvania. The renovations will allow the hospital to operate more efficiently, and ensure that patient care and safety is not compromised. This will ensure care for the underserved populations the hospital serves.

**Recipient:** University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

**Location:** 5150 Centre Avenue, UPMC Cancer Pavilion, 5th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute to outfit facilities with cutting-edge instrumentation. UPCI and UPMC Cancer Centers are nationally and internationally respected leaders in the area of cancer research and cancer care. The ability to improve early detection, reduce risk for developing cancer, improve therapeutic options should contribute to improved cancer care.

**Recipient:** Wayne Memorial Hospital

**Location:** 601 Park Street, Honesdale, PA 18431

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wayne Memorial Hospital for equipment. Specifically, funding will be used to replace equipment and patient care and diagnostic systems necessitated by increased demand for services. The demands on this rural hospital have increased, particularly in the past ten years. In keeping up with increased demand and new technology, Wayne Memorial Hospital needs to refurbish and replace vital equipment.

**Recipient:** West Penn Allegheny Health System

**Location:** 4800 Friendship Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for West Penn Allegheny Health System for hardware, software and implementation of the West Penn Allegheny Health System Patient Portal. The Patient Portal will provide patients with a secure online site where they can schedule appointments, request ePrescriptions, access their health record and consult with care providers. This aims to increase patient access to health-related information, improve delivery of health care, and reduce overall administrative costs.

**Recipient:** Widener University

**Location:** One University Place, Chester, PA 19013

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Widener University for therapeutic equipment for the Chester Community Physical Therapy Clinic which treats underserved populations in Chester, PA. The Chester Community Physical Therapy Clinic

provides physical therapy services to patients who are often denied care from local physical therapy clinics due to their uninsured status or exhausted insurance benefits. This project will allow the clinic to acquire necessary equipment to better serve the community.

**Recipient:** Williamsport Hospital

**Location:** 777 Rural Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Williamsport Hospital (Susquehanna Health) for the purchase of new anesthesia units. Specifically, funding will be used to purchase three new anesthesia units for the hospital's new operation room. The current One aspect anesthesia units used by the hospital are fifteen years old and will no longer be supported by the manufacturer after December 2011. These new units offer advanced and improved patient care through improved ventilation modes and an advanced alarm system.

**Recipient:** Wills Eye Health System

**Location:** 840 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wills Eye Health System to build the infrastructure for electronic medical records. This will benefit patients seen in Wills Eye's clinical practice, ambulatory surgery center, and diagnostic testing center. Electronic medical records will improve efficiency, reduce medical errors and reduce health care costs.

**Recipient:** Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology

**Location:** 3601 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology for renovation and reconstruction of its aging medical research facility in the University City District of West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Wistar Institute is one of the nation's leading biomedical research centers, designated a National Cancer Institute-Cancer Center and recognized globally for pioneering research on vaccines. The Institute's ability to remain competitive with its peers, recruit more investigators, and maintain its excellence in science is threatened by its urgent facility needs; this project that the Institute addresses the most pressing of these problems.

#### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):

**Recipient:** American Red Cross, Lower Bucks County Chapter

**Location:** 1909 Veterans Highway, Levittown, PA 19056

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Lower Bucks County Chapter of the American Red Cross in support of casework management and related services. Funding will be used to provide homeless residents of Bucks County with comprehensive case management and mental health services. Up to 360 people will be assisted by this program, many of them children and families suffering from the current state of the economy. These

services will enable homeless residents to return to stability by focusing on finding and holding jobs, financial literacy, and developing strong families.

**Recipient:** Clearbrook, Inc.

**Location:** 1100 East Northampton Street, Wilkes Barre, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Clearbrook, Inc. in support of their Families Helping Families project. Educational programs will be expanded and conducted to inform family members of the facts and realities of alcoholism and chemical dependency. The sharing of experience with other family members and an understanding staff provides hope and reassurance that the foundation for a healthier and happier way of living can be developed.

**Recipient:** Corporate Alliance for Drug Education

**Location:** 128 Chestnut Street, Suite 302, Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Corporate Alliance for Drug Education for substance abuse prevention programs. Funding will be used to provide an evidence-based, SAMHSA-approved curriculum to up to 350 students in five elementary schools in Philadelphia's most stressed zip code, as identified by the City's Office of Addiction Services. This program aims to teach students to evaluate difficult situations, exercise impulse control, and steer clear of substance abuse, violence, and other destructive behaviors.

**Recipient:** Treatment Research Institute

**Location:** 600 Public Ledger Building, 150 Independence Mall South, Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Treatment Research Institute in support of their Parents Help Line for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Solutions pilot program. The Help Line will play an important role in the prevention of teen and young adult drug or alcohol abuse, and will guide parents and caregivers on how to take effective action when they believe their child is using drugs or drinking. If counseling or treatment is needed, trained professionals will identify options and local resources, and provide guidance during recovery or relapse.

### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (programs)**

#### **National Institutes of Health:**

**Cures Acceleration Network:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$500 million for the Cures Acceleration Network. This authorized program will help our nation's medical research community bridge the gap between discoveries in basic science and new effective treatments and cures for the diseases. This translational medical research will accelerate medical progress at the

patient's bedside and maximize the return on the substantial investments being made on bio-medical research.

**National Institutes of Health:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$35.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health, a \$4.1 billion increase over fiscal year 2010 and a \$3.1 billion increase over the Administration's fiscal year 2011 request of \$32 billion. The increase is needed to continue the NIH funding contained in the economic stimulus package and ensure the important research supported by those funds will be able to continue.

Office of the Secretary: Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund: Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response: Advanced Research and Development:

I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$500 million for a new, competitively bid grant program to establish a public-private vaccine development and manufacturing facility to meet the vaccine needs of the United States. This program will support the Department's efforts to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies, including acts of terrorism and the threat of infectious disease. The availability of effective vaccines is critical to responding to such threats and a public-private partnership would ensure our ability to produce sufficient quantities in a timely manner.

CDC: Environmental Health and Injury Prevention: Environmental Health:

**Polycythemia Vera (PV) Cluster:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5 million to conduct assessments of Polycythemia Vera (PV) trends and associated risk factors, including potential environmental risk factors, in PV cluster areas or in areas with potential environmental risk factors. I am particularly concerned about the cancer cluster in the Carbon, Luzerne and Schuylkill tri-county region in Pennsylvania.

Administration for Children and Families: Children and Families Services Programs:

**Head Start:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$8.234 billion for Head Start, which provides comprehensive development services for low-income children and families. These services help children develop language and socio-emotional skills, good physical and mental health, and increases parental involvement.

HRSA: Rural Health Programs:

**Title X family planning program:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$394 million for title X family planning programs, a \$76.5 million increase over FY10. Title X provides high-quality, subsidized family planning services and preventive health care, mostly to underserved women who would otherwise have difficulty accessing such care.

HRSA: Health Resources and Services: HIV/AIDS Bureau:

**Ryan White AIDS programs:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3.1 billion for Ryan White AIDS programs to support primary medical care and essential support services for those who do not have sufficient health care coverage or financial resources for coping with HIV disease. This vital program fills gaps in care and provides social and other support services with the specific intent of obtaining and maintaining HIV-infected individuals in comprehensive clinical care.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality:

**HIV Research Network:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide for \$1.95 million for the HIV Research Network, which was not funded in the Administration's fiscal year 2011 budget. The HIV Research Network analyzes and disseminates information on the delivery and outcomes of health care services to people with HIV. This data helps to improve delivery and outcomes of HIV care and to identify and address disparities that exist.

HRSA: Bureau of Primary Care: Health Professions:

**Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$330 million for the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, a \$12.5 million increase over fiscal year 2010 and the Administration's fiscal year 2011 budget request. This important program strengthens children's health, sustains teaching programs at children's hospitals, and bolsters our pediatric workforce. This increase in funding will provide the program with the same level of funding that Medicare Graduate Education provides to all other teaching hospitals.

HRSA: Health Resources and Services: Maternal and Child Health Bureau:

**Healthy Start:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$120 million for Healthy Start for community-based programs to reduce infant mortality and support disadvantaged pregnant women. This funding will allow the program to expand and provide support to additional areas of need as well as support existing program sites.

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (language)**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

The Committee urges the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to continue to build upon its previous work through the Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative (OCCI) and the programs

of Johanna's Law the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act. Therefore, the Committee provides CDC with \$10 million in funding for the OCCI and \$10 million for the Johanna's Law programs to continue to improve the awareness, early detection, and survival of Ovarian Cancer.

**Malaria:** The Committee supports CDC's continuing contribution to global malaria prevention and control efforts, particularly as part of the President's Malaria Initiative. CDC scientists and doctors excel in "downstream" research that connects basic science to practical field applications in order to develop new or modify existing prevention and control tools, enhance monitoring and surveillance to track outbreaks and measure disease control success. The Committee encourages that CDC's malaria efforts are more important than ever and encourages CDC expansion of its malaria work.

**Chronic Disease Prevention:** The Committee is concerned about the increase in late-term births and encourages CDC to continue to research and evaluate these changes. The Committee provides \$8,005,000 for CDC to improve national data systems to track preterm birth rates and expand epidemiological research that focuses especially on the causes and prevention of preterm birth and births at 37-38 weeks gestation.

**Disease Control, Research and Training:** The Committee recognized the need for epidemiological and longitudinal data on individuals with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, including children and adolescents by providing an initial appropriation in FY 2010 of \$1.5 million to the Centers for Disease Control to support psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection. The Committee continues to support this initiative by providing an additional \$2.5 million appropriation to further such data collection efforts in order to better understand the comorbidities associated with psoriasis; examine the relationship of psoriasis to other genetic diseases; develop public health strategies to reduce the burden of diseases and prevent the onset of comorbid conditions; and gain insight into the long-term impact and treatment of these two conditions. The Committee encourages the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion to continue to work with national organizations and stakeholders to refine and implement the psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection and registry process that will have been established through the initial funding.

#### **Chronic Disease Prevention, Health Promotion, and Genomics:**

**WISEWOMAN** (Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation): The Committee includes bill language stating that not to exceed \$37 million may be available for making competitively awarded grants under section 1509 of the Public Health Service Act to not less than 34 states, tribes, or tribal organizations.

#### **National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities:**

**Spina Bifida** – The Committee provides \$7,500,000 for the National Spina Bifida Program. The increase provided for the National Spina Bifida Program in FY 2011 shall be used to support the

implementation of the National Spina Bifida Patient Registry to improve the efficiency and quality of care in the nation's Spina Bifida clinics.

**Neglected Tropical Diseases and Diarrheal Diseases:** The Committee encourages CDC to continue its monitoring and evaluation and technical assistance of neglected tropical diseases as an underpinning of efforts to control and eliminate these diseases.

#### National Institutes of Health:

**John E Fogarty International Center (FIC):** Global Health Research Training and Workforce Capacity – The Committee believes that the national effort to improve health in the developing world can only succeed if we have strong partners in the developing world who can contribute the necessary expertise and knowledge to fight malaria, neglected tropical diseases (NTD's), and other infectious diseases that disproportionately impact the global poor. The Committee commends the Fogarty International Center (FIC) for its efforts to develop local expertise and research capacity in the developing world by supporting long-term research and training partnerships between U.S. and developing country research institutions. Over time, these collaborations enable developing country institutions to train their own scientific workforce and better address local health needs and priorities. The Committee supports the FIC's investments in sustainable health research capacity increase the ability of developing countries to combat infectious diseases and strengthen their own health systems.

#### **National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute:**

***Diamond-Blackfan Anemia [DBA]*** – The Committee understands that one of the breakthrough discoveries has identified DBA as the first human disorder linked to a ribosomal protein defect and further research has revealed that the ribosome, as a fundamental unit of cellular function, may be implicated in a wide range of other diseases. The Committee commends the NHLBI for its attention to this important area of disease research and encourages NHLBI to continue investigating this breakthrough discovery to understand the role of ribosomal proteins in DBA and related marrow failure diseases.

***Heart Disease:*** The Committee supports an increased investment of resources for heart research; the Committee urges a significant portion of the additional funding provided for the NHLBI will be devoted to heart research to expand current studies, support promising and novel research, through all available mechanisms as appropriate, and to accelerate implementation of priorities highlighted in its Division of Cardiovascular Diseases Strategic Plan.

#### **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases:**

***Neglected Tropical Diseases:*** The Committee encourages NIH to continue and expand its investment in neglected tropical diseases, diarrheal, and arbovirus research and coordinate that work with other government agencies to maximize resources and ensure development of basic discoveries into useable solutions.



## **National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases:**

***Polycystic Kidney Disease [PKD]*** – The Committee recognizes NIDDK’s commitment to extend the CRISP and HALT-PKD clinical studies, continue funding the four PKD Centers of Excellence and provide research grants supporting the development of PKD biomarkers, genetic high throughput screening assays, and additional PKD specific translational research. The Committee suggests that NIDDK strategic direction further complements current public/private partnerships such as the FDA partnership designed to speed the development of PKD therapies to market and the establishment of PKD Diagnostic and Clinical Treatment Centers in collaboration with the NIH. To expand and solidify this integrated approach, the Committee urges NIDDK to sponsor an International PKD Strategic Planning Meeting for the purpose of incorporating worldwide PKD research and clinical efforts into a cohesive and coordinated strategic plan.

## **National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke:**

***Mucopolysaccharidoses*** – The Committee continues to support the work of the NIH Office of Rare Diseases on patient registries and the focus of NIH (NINDS) from translational research to clinical trials. The Committee applauds the participation of the NIH Office of Rare Diseases’ initiative for Rare Disease Clinical Research Networks, and for NINDS to help create additional opportunities for small research communities, like that in Mucopolysaccharidoses and other Lysosomal Diseases, to address some of these clinical research needs.

***Stroke*** - The Committee encourages the NINDS to expand and intensify its investment in basic, translational and clinical stroke research to capitalize on advances and burgeoning scientific opportunities. The Committee supports the allocation of increased resources for stroke research and the additional funds provided for the NINDS will be used to expand current stroke studies and related activities, support promising and new stroke initiatives, and to assertively implement priorities in its Stroke Progress Review Group Report.

***Stroke Rehabilitation***- The Committee is pleased that the NINDS has convened an expert panel to discuss issues related to stroke treatment and recovery and how people reintegrate into their daily lives following a stroke. Given that stroke produces a substantial financial and emotional stress on the caregiver, the Committee encourages NINDS to support studies that address the long-term consequences of stroke on the family and quality of life.

## **National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders:**

***Tinnitus*** – The Committee encourages NIDCD to continue its collaborative research efforts into the neural mechanisms causing tinnitus, as well as therapeutic approaches to treat tinnitus.

## **Office of the Director:**

***Angiogenesis*** – The Committee supports the ongoing research on angiogenesis to examine the ability to detect and treat diseases at early stages. The Committee strongly encourages the Director to coordinate with all relevant institutes to study correlation of platelet proteomes to angiogenesis with the goal of developing a health marker.

***Chronic Fatigue Syndrome*** – The Committee urges the Director to support increased intramural staffing for CFS and increased funding for a multidisciplinary CFS research network to develop standards, share and consolidate data, support adequately powered genetic, genomic and intervention studies, and enhance collaboration across the agency.

***Human Tissue Supply*** – The Committee encourages the Director to increase support the National Disease Research Interchange receives from National Center for Research Resources to provide human tissues and organs to study human diseases and search for cures, and to broaden the scope of the multi-Institute initiative by strongly urging Institute Directors to identify and expand support for NDRI.

***Mitochondrial Disease and Dysfunction*** – The Committee is aware that the study of mitochondrial disease and dysfunction presents a number of unique challenges and opportunities, and is by its nature a truly cross-cutting and trans-NIH enterprise. The Committee believes that more progress needs to be made and the Director should therefore continue to prioritize research on “functional variations in mitochondria.” The Committee urges the Director to enhance efforts to coordinate and promote such research.

***Psoriasis*** – The Committee is encouraged by NIAMS’ support of several Challenge Grants for psoriasis research made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as well as a recent Centers of Research Translation (CORT) grant and of a strong follow-up study to the Genetic Association Information Network (GAIN) grant. The Committee is excited by the identification of genes that control immune pathways involved in psoriasis and giving promise to identifying and developing a permanent method of control for psoriasis and, eventually, a cure. The Committee recognizes that additional genetics, immunology and clinical research focused on understanding the mechanisms of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are needed and encourages NIAMS and NIAID to further study the genetic susceptibility of psoriasis, develop animal models of psoriasis, identify and examine immune cells and inflammatory processes involved in psoriasis and elucidate psoriatic arthritis specific genes and other biomarkers.

The Committee also recognizes the mounting evidence of co-morbidities associated with psoriasis and the 50% higher risk of mortality for people with severe psoriasis. The Committee urges NHLBI to consider these factors in its research, specifically that individuals with severe psoriasis have an increased risk of heart attack, independent of other major risk factors such as hypertension, diabetes and obesity, and that for people in their 40s and 50s with severe psoriasis, the risk of heart attack is more pronounced. The Committee also urges NIDDK to consider in its research that diabetes is more prevalent for patients with severe psoriasis than for those with mild disease. The Committee encourages NIMH to conduct research to better understand why it

is estimated that as many as 52 percent of psoriasis patients report clinically significant psychiatric symptoms and that individuals with psoriasis are twice as likely to have thoughts of suicide.

***Spina Bifida*** – The Committee encourages NIDDK, NICHD, and NINDS to study the causes and care of the neurogenic bladder in order to improve the quality of life of children and adults with spina bifida; to support research to address issues related to the treatment and management of spina bifida and associated secondary conditions, such as hydrocephalus; and to invest in understanding the myriad co-morbid conditions experienced by children with spina bifida, including those associated with both paralysis and developmental delay.

***Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC)*** – The Committee applauds the research funded to date by the NIH that has led to a better understanding of Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) and its multiple manifestations. The Committee encourages the Office of the Director to launch a new, multi-institute approach focused on translational research that will lead to the identification of new drug targets and new treatments for individuals with TSC. In addition, since TSC is a gateway into understanding autism spectrum disorder, the Committee encourages NIH to support research in this area.

#### Office of the Secretary:

The Committee encourages the Secretary to bring together leading researchers with experience in the operation of clinical trials and representatives from NIH, FDA, CMS, and other agencies to determine if changes could be made to better harmonize existing policies and regulations on clinical trial operations.

### **U.S. Department of Education (grants)**

#### Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education:

**Recipient:** Albright College

**Location:** 13<sup>th</sup> and Bern Streets, PO Box 15234, Reading, PA 19612

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Albright College for academic support enhancements, including for special needs students. This initiative attempts to improve both the learning technology and physical learning environment offered principally in the college's Academic Learning Center and the Writing Center, as well as in selected computer labs and the library. This initiative will have a positive impact on all students, but in particular, at-risk and disabled students. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. These enhancements will help strengthen and expand the college's academic support services and will assist disadvantaged students in overcoming academic and cultural challenges and succeed in the workplace.

**Recipient:** Alvernia University

**Location:** 540 Upland Avenue, Reading, PA 19611

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Alvernia University for their Smart Technology Initiative. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment such as a backup control system, smart technology enriched classrooms, reconstruction of the fiber network for security purposes, and a data connection between the main campus and off-campus buildings. The university seeks to increase and expand its information technology and distance learning capabilities to improve the integration of technology into its wide offering of academic programs. The goal is to offer a more robust delivery of programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels using emerging technology for an expanding population. By adding the latest in technology and creating additional high-tech multimedia classrooms and laboratories, the university will be able to excel in innovative methods of instruction.

**Recipient:** Arcadia University

**Location:** 450 S. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Arcadia University for upgrades and renovations of laboratories. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment for five research laboratories at the university. Arcadia University's most popular undergraduate majors are biology and psychology, and with increased enrollment and research projects, there is a growing pressure on the science facilities. In order to keep up with demand, the university must upgrade its research laboratories to provide a safe and functional environment for faculty and students. This will directly benefit the study body, as student involvement in research teaches critical thinking skills and how to overcome challenges

**Recipient:** Cabrini College

**Location:** Office of the President, 610 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Cabrini College for their Building Bridges for Academic Achievement program. This initiative will help first-year, first-generation students in successfully transitioning from high school to post-secondary education. Funds will be used to support staff and for curriculum development. This summer bridge program will engage students by: helping them transition to college-level expectations before their first semester; focusing on how developmental mathematics can help in a student's overall academic success; addressing non-academic resources that support students; and by building a strong academic community for students, staff, faculty, and the wider community. This initiative addresses local, regional and national needs to improve graduation rates and focus on ways to provide academic and social support to at-risk students.

**Recipient:** California University of Pennsylvania

**Location:** 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for California University of Pennsylvania for their Center for Elementary STEM Teacher Education. Funds will be used for curriculum development and teacher training to enhance Elementary STEM teacher education. The university recognizes the importance of STEM teacher education and initiated an alignment of faculty, degree programs and resources to address these challenges. The university's vision is to improve the STEM literacy of Pennsylvania citizens and encourage more people to enter the STEM workforce through improving teacher education in the STEM disciplines. The initiative will help develop highly qualified and energized teachers who inspire early childhood and adolescent children to excel in STEM content.

**Recipient:** Cedar Crest College

**Location:** 100 College Drive, Allentown, PA 18104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Cedar Crest College for their Access to Education for Adult Learners project. This initiative will help provide the means to improve access to education for the increasing number of adults returning to school as a result of current economic conditions. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment, as well as professional development. The college has identified three key areas – healthcare, education, and business – in which to expand their academic programs, including distance learning. This initiative will include certificate, baccalaureate, and masters programs, and will help prepare adult learners for new career opportunities.

**Recipient:** Chatham University

**Location:** Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Chatham University for the Institute for Sustainability. Funding will be used to support facility and support staff for the institute, as well as for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. The Institute will focus on sustainable agriculture, nutritional coursework, and environmental education. This work will help make agriculture more viable in the region while improving the land and local economy.

**Recipient:** City of Johnstown

**Location:** 401 Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15901

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for City of Johnstown for their Innovation Lab project. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. The Lab focuses on new thinking around advanced courses, degrees, and training programs focused on STEM for the next generation. By partnering with regional higher education institutions, many of whom have already developed programs and initiatives focused on STEM, this initiative will help serve as a central location where innovation in education will be developed, tested, and disseminated throughout the pre-kindergarten through higher education

community and into the workplace. The Johnstown Innovation Lab will help create and support a pipeline of science and technology-ready students.

**Recipient:** The Commonwealth Medical College

**Location:** 150 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Commonwealth Medical College for their Community Quality Initiative. Funds will be used for staff and curriculum development. This initiative will help develop a four year, integrated, longitudinal curriculum in quality improvement and patient safety that will inspire graduates to deliver outstanding patient care through an understanding of health systems improvements. The college is committed to educating aspiring physicians and scientists to serve society using a community-based, patient-centered, inter-professional and evidence-based model of education that promotes discovery and utilizes innovative techniques.

**Recipient:** Community College of Allegheny County

**Location:** 800 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Community College of Allegheny County for the college's Young Adult Empowerment Program. This initiative will serve young adults who have not completed high school or who do not have the educational skills necessary to move forward with postsecondary education and/or job training. The program will provide basic education to enable these individuals to complete their GEDs.

**Recipient:** Community College of Beaver County

**Location:** 1 Campus Drive, Monaca, PA 15061-8561

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Community College of Beaver County for their Air Traffic Control (ATC) program. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of a Control Tower Simulator for the ATC. The college's ATC program was established by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 1990 as an alternative mechanism to train new air traffic controllers. The Control Tower Simulator and appropriate computer equipment will expand training capabilities for ATC students. The Simulator will place students in simulated real-life emergency situations so that they will be prepared to handle such situations if they occur. This initiative will help the college increase its enrollment and train additional students for the anticipated jobs that are expected to be created by a high retirement rate of air traffic controllers over the next few years.

**Recipient:** Community College of Philadelphia

**Location:** 1700 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Community College of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia Retention and Persistence Program. This initiative targets recent high school graduates entering college. Funds will be used for staff to provide students with counseling, academic support, workshops, and other assistance. This program will help

provide these students with the tools needed to finish college, enter the workforce, and support themselves afterwards.

**Recipient:** Delaware County Community College

**Location:** 901 South Media Lane, Media, PA 19063

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Delaware County Community College (DCCC) for the DCCC Learning Commons project. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. This initiative will consolidate and restructure academic support services that are currently located in various parts of the campus. Among the services are the library, professional and peer tutoring, writing support, support for learning foreign languages, ESL, and reading. By consolidating these services, the college will be able to enhance student learning and create a more efficient use of limited human resources and equipment.

**Recipient:** DeSales University

**Location:** 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA 18034

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for DeSales University for the Gambet Center for Business and Healthcare. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment such as “sim” robotic patients. The university’s Nursing and Physician Assistant programs will share the “sim” lab, which will help strengthen medical education and research in Pennsylvania, and will reduce medical accidents and hospital-induced illnesses. DeSales University supplies more physician assistants and nurses to hospitals in the region than any other institution, and the medical/healthcare industry is the fastest growing part of the region’s economy.

**Recipient:** Duquesne University

**Location:** 600 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15282

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Duquesne University for the Mylan School of Pharmacy Expansion Project. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment for the School of Pharmacy. Pennsylvania is one of a number of states experiencing significant shortages of qualified pharmacists. Duquesne University has responded by becoming a leader in preparing the next generation of pharmacists. This expansion project will help the university meet the increasing demands of a growing class size.

**Recipient:** East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

**Location:** Office of the President, 200 Prospect Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania for their Reaching Out for New Science and Mathematics Students Program. Funds will be used for faculty, staff and to develop a science, math, and technology curriculum for at-risk and minority youth to encourage postsecondary educational opportunities.

This campus-based initiative serves students grades 6-11 and has been designed to engage at-risk and minority students and their teachers on standards-based science, math and technology instruction. The program helps provide a preview of what a university experience will involve and some of the tools that will help them reach this goal. University faculty will offer the program at university classrooms and laboratories.

**Recipient:** Edinboro University of PA

**Location:** 102 Wiley Arts & Sciences Center, Edinboro University of PA, Edinboro, PA 16444

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding Edinboro University of PA for their STEM Education Laboratory Investment initiative. Funds will be used to help acquire state-of-the-art classroom and laboratory equipment to support STEM discipline education and research at the university. Proposed equipment includes: a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer, a liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometer (LC-MS), a fluorimeter, and an atomic emission spectrometer. The acquisition of this modern equipment will further enable the university to prepare students for the science and technology advancements of the future and enhance the nation's global competitiveness.

**Recipient:** Foundation for Patent Funding and Commercialization

**Location:** 1516 Jefferson Avenue, Dunmore, PA 18509

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Foundation for Patent Funding and Commercialization for an initiative which will help accelerate movement of academic-based research into market-relevant commercial products. This initiative will help address the gap between academic-based innovations and the commercial application of those innovations in the marketplace. Funds will be used for staff and administrative costs. The Foundation will enter into exclusive licensing agreements with academic institutions under which licensing revenue is shared and the Foundation accomplishes market assessment and accelerated patent examination. Over the past decade, the Federal government has invested about \$300 Billion in university research. This project will increase the return on the federal investment in academic-based research and development.

**Recipient:** Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

**Location:** 326 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Harrisburg University of Science and Technology to support the university's New Learning Technology concentrations, Management and e-Business concentrations, and Interdisciplinary concentrations. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment and for curriculum development. Targeted academic programs include: instructional development, design and technologies; digital health design, management, and entrepreneurship; advanced engineering; a new undergraduate degree program in food sciences; and a new graduate degree program in healthcare information technology. These academic programs are a strategic answer to current workforce development needs. The applied education in the nationally critical STEM fields will help stimulate the growth of a knowledge-based economy in the greater Harrisburg region, and



will help position the local workforce to participate successfully in the 21<sup>st</sup> century's knowledge-based economy.

**Recipient:** Immaculata University

**Location:** 1145 King Road, P.O. Box 733, Immaculata, PA 19345-0733

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Immaculata University to help expand the healthcare workforce. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment and clinical training materials. This project is intended to improve student learning and graduate an increased number of registered nurses at the baccalaureate level. The impending severe shortage of nurses presents a threat to the quality of patient care and increases the risk of avoidable complications. The education, training, and development of the healthcare workforce is a top priority for the university.

**Recipient:** Indiana University of Pennsylvania

**Location:** 1011 South Drive, John Sutton Hall, Room 235, Indiana, PA 15705

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Indiana University of Pennsylvania for their Research on Mine Mapping, Digitization and Safety project. Funds will be used to undertake research into geographical and information analysis techniques that will make the university's extensive collection of original and digitized mine maps more accessible and easier to use to prevent and manage mine-related emergencies. The Institute for Mine Mapping, Archival Procedures and Safety (IMPAS) at Indiana University of Pennsylvania works to provide the best possible data on the location of abandoned coal mines. Funds will be used for staff and technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment such as a high-end PC to perform geo-referencing of scanned maps and a GPS unit to verify mine locations. This research will help improve the safety of future coal mining activities in Pennsylvania, as well as provide educational training and research to the university's students.

**Recipient:** I-LEAD, Inc.

**Location:** 525 Penn Street, Reading, PA 19602

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for I-LEAD, Inc. for their Expanding Postsecondary Education for Adult Working Learners program. Funds will be used for staff and related administrative costs to help expand I-LEAD, Inc.'s programs to 2 additional partner sites which serve low-income adult students, establish a basic skills college preparatory program to develop a pipeline of future students, and improve the effectiveness of recruitment and support services provided by community partners. There is a need for an alternative option for degree access and completion that is affordable and effective for low-income working adults. I-LEAD, Inc. can help deliver efficient access to, and can affect success in, postsecondary education in a number of communities that currently suffer high levels of unemployment or underemployment.

**Recipient:** Keystone Community Education Council

**Location:** 255 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Keystone Community Education Council for their Rural Leadership Network project. Funds will be used to support staff and related administrative costs for leadership programs served by the Network, which are primarily in low-income, rural areas with declining populations in the Appalachian region. The Regional Leadership Network will primarily support adult leadership development for individuals engaged in the not-for-profit sector. The goals of the Rural Leadership Network are to form a synergistic collaboration to strengthen the partnering community leadership programs, help participants and graduates develop a regional and global mindset, and identify regional opportunities for local projects that will prove economic vitality and quality of life.

**Recipient:** Keystone College

**Location:** One College Green, La Plume, PA 18440

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Keystone College for the Keystone Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Lab. This initiative will create an interdisciplinary research laboratory to combine the study of redevelopment and behavior using psychological and neurological methods of examination. Research studies will focus on the study of learning, cognition, perception, and memory, including examination of brain computer interfaces, genetic profiles of addiction, and obesity and developmental relationships. Funds will be used for equipment and technology upgrades, including computers, a chemical refrigerator, experience-sampling/ecological-momentary-assessment equipment, and other laboratory equipment. The ability to analyze data, differentiate valid and reliable alternatives and engage in strategic problem solving is essential to addressing national problems. Individuals prepared with the skills for workforce positions for jobs that have not yet been defined will be equipped with employability skills that will maintain national competitiveness..

**Recipient:** King's College

**Location:** 133 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for King's College for their Minority Outreach Program. This initiative, which targets first generation students and provides minority outreach, will help educate students and their families on the importance of a college education. It begins in early childhood education by targeting pre-school children and continues through high school by preparing students for the rigors of college life. Funds will be used for staff and curriculum development necessary to expand services to include a family literacy initiative, summer residential program, and a middle school component. The program will help clear a pathway out of poverty for targeted first generation and minority students and prepare them for college opportunities.

**Recipient:** Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Location:** 1858 W. Grandview Boulevard, Erie, PA 16509

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine for their School of Dental Medicine. Funds will be used to support staff,

for curriculum development, and for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. This institution will use a modern model of dental education to train professionals to provide high-quality, ethical and empathetic patient-centered care. The School will train classes of up to 100 dental students annually.

**Recipient:** Lake Erie Research Institute

**Location:** 8770 Brooks Road, Girard, PA 16417

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lake Erie Research Institute for their DNA Sequencer initiative. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of a DNA Sequencer for the use of the greater northwestern Pennsylvania region. The instrument will be the basis for several undergraduate and graduate forensic courses at Mercyhurst College. A DNA Sequencer is currently unavailable to the region, and this proposed unique collaboration will provide the region with sophisticated equipment that will enhance health and safety and provide education and research experiences to students and investigators. This instrument will help ensure a supply of well-trained forensic specialists who can respond to terrorist, bioterrorist, crime scene, and mass casualty situations throughout the United States.

**Recipient:** Lincoln University

**Location:** 1570 Baltimore Pike, Lincoln University, PA 19352

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lincoln University for their STEM Summer program. This 10 week summer bridge program will help recent high school graduates make a smooth transition to college by providing mentoring, counseling, advising and tutoring services. Funds will be used for personnel, equipment, and related materials for the summer program. The initiative will focus on STEM education, specifically biological sciences and chemistry, and will help educate students on the global impact that science will have in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Recipient:** Lock Haven University

**Location:** 10 Susquehanna Avenue, Lock Haven, PA 17745

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lock Haven University for the university's East Campus Science Center. Funds will be used to purchase and maintain equipment for the science center, which will be used both as a teaching tool and for hands-on research. The university's new East Campus Science Center complex will house the biology, chemistry, geology and physics departments. The new scientific equipment is essential as a teaching tool and will provide inquiry-based, hands-on approaches for STEM education for associate and bachelors level science students. This initiative will help the university provide STEM education to approximately 275 students over the next five years. This will help the United States compete internationally in key fields.

**Recipient:** Luzerne County Community College

**Location:** 1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Luzerne County Community College for their Dental Clinic and Job Training Program. This initiative will help renovate and equip the college's Dental Clinic to serve the low income area residents and children in the renovated and expanded Health Sciences Center, located in downtown Nanticoke, PA. The equipment in the current dental clinic is over 20 years old and must be replaced to meet accreditation, infection control and OSHA standards. The Health Sciences Center will house an updated and expanded working dental clinic with 24 clinic chairs to continue to serve the low income area residents and children, and to provide clinical experience for our dental hygiene and dental assisting students. Funds will be used for curriculum development, faculty training, and for technology upgrades.

**Recipient:** Marywood University

**Location:** 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Marywood University for simulation equipment for allied health education. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. This equipment includes high fidelity simulation models in order to better prepare nurses and physician assistants for the increasing demands of the workforce. These simulation models and related equipment will allow faculty to develop active, practice-based critical thinking, enabling students to increase their skills, comfort level and competency. The university is located in a region deemed high risk for nursing shortages. Increasing the number of prepared nursing graduates will improve the regions' nursing workforce.

**Recipient:** Montgomery County Community College

**Location:** 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Montgomery County Community College for Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. Funds will be used for staff, curriculum development, and related administrative costs to help support the center. This initiative will expand coursework in entrepreneurial studies into workforce development program, and will also expand the Women-Owned Business Program within the center. The center will offer a new certificate program in Entrepreneurial Studies, credit and non-credit courses, an incubator facility, comprehensive support services, and a K-12 program. The program will promote economic development and job creation in Montgomery County, PA and the region via training, counseling and other services for entrepreneurs.

**Recipient:** Moravian College

**Location:** 1200 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Moravian College to help advance undergraduate research in science. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of laboratory equipment to support undergraduate research in the natural sciences. The acquisition of this equipment will enhance the curriculum, expand the offering of laboratory experiments, and allow students to engage in new areas of research. The college will encourage student and faculty research in the area of proteomics, which could help identify new drugs for the treatment of disease and develop biomarkers for diagnostic techniques and treatments. Investing in the college's science program will help support and grow a large, robust bioscience sector in Pennsylvania.

**Recipient:** Mount Aloysius College

**Location:** 7373 Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson, PA 16630

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mount Aloysius College for their Science and Healthcare Initiative. This initiative will provide high quality science and healthcare education with a focus on hands-on laboratory experiences. Funds will be used to purchase equipment for the college's science and healthcare programs. The bulk of the equipment is necessary for curriculum development, particularly for new upper-level courses that must now be taught in the college's new Biology major. Funds will also be used to maintain safety in the new laboratories. Many studies have shown that the United States is lagging behind other industrialized countries in the education of students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. This initiative will help attract more students into the college's science programs and help provide more qualified workers to the national STEM workforce.

**Recipient:** Muhlenberg College

**Location:** 2400 Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Muhlenberg College for their Jump Start Program. This initiative is a comprehensive approach to increasing enrollment, retention, and 4-year graduation rates for disadvantaged students, including minorities and first-generation students. This model, reflecting measurable outcomes in retention and graduation, will be transferable to other institutions of higher education interested in serving underserved populations. Funds will help design a pre-college academic skills building seminar, particularly in college-level writing, and support on-going advising and mentoring services for this at-risk population. Funds will also be used for staff and instructional supplies that support this initiative. This project addresses economic competitiveness, job readiness, and strengthening communities.

**Recipient:** Neumann University

**Location:** Office of the President, One Neumann Drive, Aston, PA 19014

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Neumann University for their Community Leadership and Civic Engagement initiative. Funds will be used for curriculum development, technology upgrades, and instructional materials related to online courses and certificate programs. These educational programs will assist individuals in

becoming effective volunteers, strong community leaders for non-profit management, school boards, township and county governance, and other community-directed function and service responsibilities. The program will emphasize mentoring, ethical and effective leadership training, and offers a model that can be replicated nationally.

**Recipient:** Northampton Community College

**Location:** 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Northampton Community College for their Healthcare Education Center at the Southside Campus. Funding will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment needed to expand healthcare education and enhance the current nursing and allied health programs at the college. The expansion and partnership with St. Luke's Health Network (SLHN) will help address the current nursing and healthcare workforce shortage in Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley. The Southside Campus's Healthcare Education Center will provide a clinical setting for the nursing and medical residents, training, and academic programs.

**Recipient:** Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges

**Location:** 800 N. Third Street, Suite 405, Harrisburg, PA 17102

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges for their Open Textbook pilot project. Funds will be used to design, create, and implement open source educational materials for use in introductory college courses. The commission will work with the 14 community college in Pennsylvania to develop and implement an innovative strategy to make textbooks affordable for students. These digital textbooks will be accessible online at no cost to the student. The commission will convene a faculty and staff working group, which will then determine and negotiate open-source textbooks with publishers. The escalating cost of college textbooks have become a significant expenditure for many students in Pennsylvania; this initiative will help alleviate this hardship for students.

**Recipient:** Pennsylvania Highlands Community College

**Location:** 101 Community College Way, Johnstown, PA 15904

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pennsylvania Highlands Community College for their Huntingdon County Campus Project. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment for the Huntingdon facility. A recent feasibility study indicates that there is an unmet need for community college services in Huntingdon County that would result in an enrollment of close to 800 students per year if the community college established a facility in Huntingdon. These funds would help equip the new facility.

**Recipient:** Robert Morris University

**Location:** 6001 University Boulevard, Moon Township, PA 15108

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Robert Morris University for their Veterans Entrepreneurship project. This initiative will support classroom training, outreach, mentoring initiatives and other educational programs that assist veterans who are pursuing entrepreneurship opportunities. The university has developed specialized courses for veterans, the National Guard, and Reserve Forces, which teach business skills and provide professional counseling services. These initiatives will help provide a solid educational background to assist veterans in accomplishing their objectives of entrepreneurship.

**Recipient:** Saint Vincent College

**Location:** 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650-2690

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Vincent College to establish laboratory and teaching facilities at the college. Funds will be used to acquire critical instrumentation and laboratory equipment to support the college's interdisciplinary academic, research, and outreach programs within the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Computing. The proposed upgrades will help facilitate novel pedagogical approaches, foster interdisciplinary collaboration and advance the quality of the interdisciplinary education. Technology upgrades include: a scanning electron microscope, equipment for a digital imaging laboratory, atomic spectrometers, UV/Vis spectrometers, flurometers, and an ion chromatograph. These programs will enhance the quality of instruction in the natural sciences, mathematics and computing, will expand research in the biosciences and environmental sciences, and will foster partnership with industry to respond to regional workforce demands.

**Recipient:** Security on Campus, Inc.

**Location:** 133 Ivy Lane, Suite 200, King of Prussia, PA 19406-2101

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Security on Campus, Inc. for the Safe On Campus Peer Education Program Expansion project. This initiative will help expand a successful program throughout Pennsylvania, educating students in high schools on crucial campus safety issues such as sexual assault and high-risk drinking. Funds will be used for staff, educational materials, and related administrative costs associated with the Safe On Campus Peer Education Program. This project will increase capacity towards developing a national program to reach all high school students. The Safe On Campus Peer Education Program is a unique initiative, utilizing a student-to-student peer education model that sends trained college students to educate high school students on pervasive issues on college campuses. The majority of sexual assault and drinking related injuries and violations occur most frequently in the first 6 weeks of college. This initiative seeks to reduce risk of victimization by arming students with valuable prevention information and motivate students to make changes in the climate of violence. By reaching students before they graduate high school, this project will help ensure that students have this information before they begin their college careers.

**Recipient:** Seton Hill University

**Location:** 1 Seton Hill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Seton Hill University to develop and implement field based, experiential curriculum for accounting, business, marketing and related fields. Funds will be used for curriculum develop; and for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. The university has infused entrepreneurship throughout the curriculum, teaching its students to break the cycle of poverty, by providing the education necessary to take steps towards economic self sufficiency through entrepreneurship. Funding would allow Seton Hill University to build on business theories learned in the classroom and experiential curriculum, which uses an actual business challenge as the focus of the learning process. Best practice curriculum will be designed for interdisciplinary majors in accounting, business, and related fields.

**Recipient:** Susquehanna University

**Location:** 514 University Avenue, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Susquehanna University for the Global Opportunities project. This initiative is a newly required and highly distinctive cross-cultural program at the university with the goal of promoting the growth and maturation of students through enriching experiences both domestically and internationally that will contribute to a fuller understanding of all forms of diversity and global perspectives. Fund will be used for new program development, staff, and financial assistance for students participating in the program. The university will measure quality and impact on students intellectually, emotionally and psychologically through rigorous assessment. The program brings together a number of the university's key institutional attributes, including emphasis on experiential learning, providing a student-centered experience, involving faculty mentors and focusing on a results oriented education.

**Recipient:** Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology

**Location:** 750 E. King Street, Lancaster, PA 17602

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology for their Campus-Wide Portal Project. This project will provide historically underrepresented students in higher education with access to a universal platform to increase the efficiency and effectiveness in which students can conduct academic and student affairs business with the college. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment, as well as for staff to support the initiative. Higher education research has demonstrated in similar initiatives that campus portals increase the retention and progression rates of low-income and diverse students by providing flexible and accessible institutional resources. Bridging the gap between high school, college, and career requires an innovative approach to preparing and meeting the needs of business and industry. The Campus-Wide Portal Project will increase the ability to engage students in interactive learning, will provide faculty and staff with information that will allow them to provide better advising services, and will allow the College to better collect data to support data-driven decision making.

**Recipient:** Thiel College

**Location:** 75 College Avenue, Greenville, PA 16125



**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Thiel College for their Library Information Commons project. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment, as well as staff and administrative costs related to the Library Information Commons project. The initiative will help to improve educational resources and access to higher education in western Pennsylvania, as well as provide outreach to the community and K-12 populations. The Thiel College Information Commons is a consolidated information center for students, faculty and staff. It provides access to all forms of print, electronic and human resources for learning. This initiative will help students become technologically literate, and will help faculty gain necessary skills and support in the integration of technologies into their curriculum.

**Recipient:** University City Science Center

**Location:** 3711 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA19104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for University City Science Center for the Quorum Technology Commercialization Network. Funding will be used to support staff and related expenses to run the network, as well as for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. This initiative helps create a network in which researchers, educators, students and entrepreneurs can convene, interact, and exchange ideas. It helps to fill a current gap in the region's technology transfer system by serving as a central forum for information sharing among the many local colleges, universities, research institutions, and other organizations.

**Recipient:** University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School

**Location:** 112 Rosenthal, 3800 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School for the Veterinary Center for Infectious Disease. Funds will be used to support faculty who teach veterinary courses on infectious disease and techniques to develop and prevent the diseases in animals. Disease outbreaks such as H1N1 are ideally prevented by expert trained veterinarians detecting new diseases in animal populations before they spread to humans. This initiative will help further Penn's Veterinary Center for Infectious Disease as a regional, and potentially national, resource to improve national food security.

**Recipient:** University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

**Location:** 300 Campus Drive, Bradford, PA 16701

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford for their Energy Institute. This initiative will help enable the institute to further its educational goals, economic development, and workforce training. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment for the university's laboratories. The Energy institute attempts to stimulate student learning, faculty research, technical innovation, commercial advancements, workforce training, and campus awareness of sustainable

uses of energy. With adequate facilities and equipment the Institute will be in a better position to develop a four-year Bachelor of Science in Energy Technology program.

**Recipient:** University of Scranton

**Location:** University of Scranton, O'Hara Hall, Scranton, PA 18510

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for University of Scranton for their Center for Sustainability. This initiative will support the center by offering instruction in sustainable business practices through degree and certificate programs; by conducting and disseminating research on "green" practices; and by providing educational services to the community through programs, forums and educational outreach. Funds will be used for curriculum development, to support community outreach, and for equipment and related materials to support this educational initiative. Through this multidisciplinary curriculum, the university will help train responsible business and policy leaders for the future, while also supporting local efforts at improving community awareness on sustainability.

**Recipient:** Valley Forge Military College

**Location:** 1001 Eagle Road, Wayne, PA 19087

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Valley Forge Military College for the Health Sciences program. Funds will be used for curriculum development and technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment for science laboratories. This initiative will help provide 21st century science learning environments to launch a high quality Health Sciences Program in conjunction with Misericordia University and the U.S. Army Cadet Command.

**Recipient:** Washington & Jefferson College

**Location:** 60 South Lincoln Street, Washington, PA 15301

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Washington & Jefferson College for their Entrepreneurial Studies program. This initiative will help students develop business plans and learn about entrepreneurial activities. Funds would be used for curriculum development to support this program, as well as the purchase of equipment and related supplies. Students learn the fundamentals of entrepreneurship; assembling financial and human resources; financial analysis; and analytical techniques to help manage entrepreneurially in rapid growth situations in organization of all sizes and types. Entrepreneurs and small businesses are critical to the region's economic recovery and strength. Programs like this that help prepare future business leaders to start, build, and grow businesses are vital to helping to create jobs.

**Recipient:** Wilkes University

**Location:** 84 W. South Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wilkes University for their High Fidelity Manikins in Clinical Curricula project. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. This equipment includes high-fidelity manikins, which will be added to the current integrated simulation curriculum. Current simulation capabilities will be expanded into all levels of nursing and pharmacy education at the university, thereby improving clinical training and resulting in better care for patients. The value-added educational preparation afforded by the use of this equipment will enhance the health and well-being of the patients that the students will serve in the near future as practicing professionals.

**Recipient:** Wilson College

**Location:** 1015 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wilson College for their Assistive Technology Resources project. This project will serve the needs of diverse traditional-age and adult learners, first generation, and veterans who may require additional support in higher education. The college seeks to build greater capacity and ability to serve students needing these services in a comprehensive way, specifically using technology. Funds will be used to purchase equipment, software and materials to support students with special needs. This initiative will help students who may not possess sufficient skills in writing or math to succeed in a college environment, and thereby provide organizations and businesses with a more effectively trained workforce.

**Recipient:** York College of Pennsylvania

**Location:** 441 Country Club Road, York, PA 17403-3651

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for York College of Pennsylvania for the college's Life Sciences and Education Equipment project. Funds will be used to purchase laboratory equipment to support the college's biology, education and behavioral sciences departments. In particular, specialized equipment for reading and technology laboratories in the education program, scientific equipment for the biology laboratories, and computer equipment for throughout the Life Sciences Building at York College. The three departments represent 1,800 students or 40% of the college's undergraduate enrollment. This initiative will help train future nurses, biologists, teachers and police officers – all professionals needed by regional employers.

Fund for Improvement of Education:

**Recipient:** Allegheny College

**Location:** Box 21, 520 North Main Street, Meadville, PA 16335

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Allegheny College for the college's Creek Connections project. This project promotes watershed education, conservation, and sustainability by providing K-12 teachers in schools throughout western Pennsylvania with equipment, professional development, and college student liaisons to assist with ongoing water

investigations in their classes. Funds will be used for staff to support outreach to more than 3,000 K-12 students in Pennsylvania, as well as equipment and supplies for ongoing water quality investigations. Engaging students in STEM education early in their school experiences is critical to the nation's ability to compete successfully in a global economy.

**Recipient:** ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships

**Location:** 1520 Locust Street, Suite 1104, Philadelphia, PA 19102

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships for their Keeping Kids Safe and Active After School program. The purpose of this project is to offer stimulating and sustainable anti-violence, anti-truancy alternatives to at-risk, low-income youth. Funds will be used for staff and educational materials. According to research, through participation in after school enrichment activities, these at-risk youth are more likely to improve academics, attendance, and avoid negative behaviors.

**Recipient:** August Wilson Center

**Location:** 980 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3736

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for August Wilson Center to support their education programs. Linked to curricula being used in local school districts, the educational programs will support the goals of schools and universities, neighborhood centers, educators, civic groups, and students in line with PSSA and national standards. Funds will be used for curriculum development, workshops, extended-school day learning and summer educational programming.

**Recipient:** Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA

**Location:** 123 South Broad Street, Suite 2180, Philadelphia, PA 19109

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA for the Mentoring to Increase Grades and Halt Truancy (MIGHT) program. This citizen-based one-to-one mentoring program will target children in Southeastern Pennsylvania schools who have attendance and/or academic attainment issues and match them with trained mentors in professionally supported one-to-one Big Brothers Big Sisters' mentoring relationships. The mentoring relationship focuses on supporting the child to help them make better social and academic decisions. Funds will be used for staff and related costs to support and expand the program. According to the organization, during the past two years, 85% of children served had zero unexcused absences from school and the majority of students had three or fewer total absences from school.

**Recipient:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia

**Location:** 1518 Walnut Street, Suite 712, Philadelphia, PA 19102

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia for their Positive Outcomes for Teens Initiative. This projects works to increase academic achievement, improve character, and offer access to employment and enhance life

skills. Funds would be used for staff to expand efforts to partner with area schools and recruit students to participate in the project. According to the organization, students who participate in Boys & Girls Clubs programs have lower dropout rates than peers who do not participate.

**Recipient:** The Challenge Program, Inc.

**Location:** 1001 Broad Street, Suite 210, Johnstown, PA 15906

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for The Challenge Program, Inc. for the Motivating High School Students to Succeed program. Funds will be used for staff, educational materials, and related administrative and operating costs to support and expand their program. The Challenge Program, Inc. pairs business with education to send a clear message to students that developing good work habits is crucial to their future success. These businesses serve as mentors to students by sharing their personal stories of success and offering advice, job shadowing opportunities, and internships to students. The Challenge Program, Inc. guides students to develop good work habits and become active in their local communities. According to the organization, a recent Pennsylvania Department of Education report demonstrates that the Challenge Program increased PSSA scores and daily attendance, reduced dropout rates, and increased students' engagement in community service.

**Recipient:** Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

**Location:** 1837 University Circle, P.O. Box 200, Cheyney, PA 19319-0200

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Cheyney University of Pennsylvania for a teacher leadership program. This initiative will help increase the pool of available teachers from a broader, more diverse background, particularly among the Commonwealth's lowest performing elementary schools. Funds will be used to support teachers' education, via scholarships, tuition and educational equipment. According to the university, studies show that school achievement of children who are taught by teachers with diverse characteristics is enhanced. This initiative would help increase the number of minorities, particularly men, as teachers and as role models, which is an important step toward improving the educational experience for all students.

**Recipient:** Children's Home of Easton

**Location:** 2000 South 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Easton, PA 18042

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Children's Home of Easton for their Community Education Project. This initiative will help improve children's reading skills, problem solving skills, conflict resolution, character development and positive behavior training. Funds will be used for staff and related administrative costs to help expand the Community Education Project. The project serves children who are at risk of regressing academically during summer vacation and prepares children to return to school with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed. It will also incorporate evaluations to measure student performance and improvement.

**Recipient:** Children's Literacy Initiative

**Location:** 2314 Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Children's Literacy Initiative to improve literacy education for low-income students in Pennsylvania. Funds will be used for staff and administrative personnel to help expand and provide services. The Children's Literacy Initiative provides intensive seminar training and sustained follow-up coaching to pre-kindergarten through third grade teachers in high-poverty schools to improve the literacy instruction that low-income children receive. These initiatives help children develop the strong reading and writing skills that are necessary for success in school and beyond.

**Recipient:** Da Vinci Science Center

**Location:** 3145 Hamilton Boulevard Bypass, Allentown, PA 18103-3686

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Da Vinci Science Center for their Math and Science Literacy After-School Program. This initiative will help develop a new afterschool math and science partnership aimed at students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Pennsylvania. The program will engage students in hands-on science learning, including a new emphasis on pre-algebra math and technology. Funds will be used for staff, curriculum development, and technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. STEM education is important as part of a larger effort to reshape and strengthen the U.S. economy and labor market. This project focuses on job opportunities for participants in STEM fields and encourages these students, who are traditionally underrepresented in the STEM workforce, to pursue those kinds of careers.

**Recipient:** Delaware County Historical Society

**Location:** 800 Manchester Avenue, Media, PA 19063

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Delaware County Historical Society for their Black History educational project. Funds would be used for the production and distribution of educational materials that would be issued to schools to supplement current history education. The initiative targets 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers in the region.

**Recipient:** Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children

**Location:** 1608 Walnut Street, Suite 1400, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children for their Quality Improvement Work project. This initiative will provide support and train child care providers to move substantially beyond minimum performance standards and toward accreditation, thereby improving the quality of child care programs in the community. Funds will be used to support on-site consultation, career counseling/support, professional development opportunities, and information/technology services. According to the organization, quality preschool experiences can double a child's

chances of school success; however, quality care and education is only present in 6% of the approximate 3,000 early care and education programs located in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

**Recipient:** Drueding Center

**Location:** 413 W. Master Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Drueding Center for their Early Childhood Education and Afterschool program. This initiative provides educational services to homeless children living in transitional housing. Funds would be used to support staff, including professional development, as well as for the purchase of educational equipment and materials. Quality-based early childhood education and school-based programming is imperative in order to increase future success and help to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness for children. The Drueding Center's program will help ensure that children are better prepared for 21st century employment, and that by investing in their education from day one, we are helping to give them every opportunity to succeed in school and reach their fullest potential.

**Recipient:** The Enterprise Center

**Location:** 4548 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Enterprise Center for their YES program (Youth plus Entrepreneurship equals Success). This initiative will help provide educational programming for 14-18 year-old youth in under-resourced communities in Philadelphia. Funds will be used for staff, materials, and related services to support the YES program. According to the Enterprise Center, 77% percent of YES students qualify for free lunches in public schools, and many of the youth that the YES program works with lack the resources and motivation to achieve their highest potential. The YES program helps open doors for youth to explore business opportunities, connect to business professionals, and learn business skills that will contribute to career success. Participants leave the program with tangible skills and a sense of direction for the future.

**Recipient:** Gannon University

**Location:** Gannon University, 109 University Square, Erie, PA 16541

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Gannon University for the Erie-GAINS Educated People Project. This initiative will help K-12 students understand the importance of attending school, working hard to succeed in school, developing future learning and career aspirations, and developing an appreciation for their respective neighborhoods, including involvement in community service activities, to sustain a viable and safe neighborhood. The program will also focus on the role of adults in improving K-12 education, including parents, teachers, school administrators, university faculty and staff, university students, and community leaders. Funds will be used for staff to help expand this project. The proposed Educated People program will serve as a catalyst to encourage students of all ages in Erie, PA to be engaged motivated learners.

**Recipient:** Gerda and Kurt Klein Foundation

**Location:** P.O. Box 314, Narberth, PA 19072

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Gerda and Kurt Klein Foundation for the One Survivor Remembers program. Funding will be used for the production and distribution of tolerance education and community service educational materials developed by the foundation for use in school curriculums. The foundation has received an unprecedented level of requests from educators, youth groups, schools, after-school programs, national and international conferences, and other organizations for copies of their award winning educational kits. The educational program sheds light on historic and contemporary instances of discrimination and prejudice, yet transcends these issues to offer hope that hatred can be overcome.

**Recipient:** Gettysburg College

**Location:** Gettysburg College – Box 392, 300 North Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Gettysburg College for their Advancing Science initiative. Funds will be used to expand staff, as well as for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. The Advancing Science initiative tries to improve science education in south-central Pennsylvania K-12 schools through a Gettysburg College outreach program. At a time when innovation in research and technology is essential to the financial health of our nation, there are several alarming indications that our children are falling behind in science achievement. By capturing and sustaining students' interest in science as they progress through school, Advancing Science feeds into the pipeline that will produce new scientists and technically skilled people for the workforce.

**Recipient:** Heritage Community Initiatives

**Location:** 820 Braddock Avenue, Braddock, PA 15104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Heritage Community Initiatives for their Afterschool Partnership Program. This initiative provides safe, high-quality education via afterschool and out-of-school programs for K-8 students from low-income families. Funds will be used for staff, professional development, educational material, and technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. After school activities are scarce in the region, presenting a critical importance for children and families; the Heritage Community Initiatives will work to fill this gap.

**Recipient:** Homeless Children's Education Fund

**Location:** 2100 Smallman Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Homeless Children's Education Fund for their Educational Network for Homeless Children project. Funds will be used for staff and educational materials. The failure to educate homeless children is a serious threat to Pennsylvania's and the nation's economies because of their potential to become involved



in the juvenile justice system and to be incarcerated as adults. This initiative will seek to significantly impact homeless children's enrollment, attendance at school, and academic success.

**Recipient:** iPRAXIS

**Location:** 3624 Market Street, Suite 1SB, Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for iPRAXIS for their iNSPIRE science education afterschool program. This initiative works to improve science education in five under-performing public elementary schools in West Philadelphia. The organization will recruit volunteer scientists, who will work with middle school students on science education and related projects. As a program that supplements classroom instruction, the iNSPIRE program plays a unique role in increasing meaningful student involvement in science and enhances students' skills and knowledge to help build a future pipeline of young people interested in science.

**Recipient:** Jobs for Pennsylvania's Graduates, Inc. – JAG Penn

**Location:** Post Office Box 13220, Philadelphia, PA 19101

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Jobs for Pennsylvania's Graduates, Inc. for a dropout prevention program. This initiative is designed to provide education services to extend dropout prevention and school-to-career transition services to schools to further the employability skills of students. Funds will be used for staff, curriculum development, and equipment, which will support classroom-based enrichment, including basic literacy, math, and work readiness enrichment, life skills, and financial literacy. According to the organization, this initiative will help improve attendance and graduation rates, decrease suspensions and dropout rates, and improve academic achievement for participating students.

**Recipient:** Judith B. Shulick Memorial Foundation

**Location:** 100 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1900, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Judith B. Shulick Memorial Foundation for their Psychological Externship Educational Program. This initiative helps address the lack of sustainable access to competent and cohesive psychological counseling for low income families and "at-risk" students. Funds will be used for staff, in an effort to expand services that enhance the critical connection between the school and the family for "at-risk" populations. This will help allow the school to provide meaningful guidance and support to promote the value of education and the strategies and skills needed to successfully counsel "at-risk" adolescents enabling them to overcome their mental and behavioral health issues, learn, graduate, and break the cycle of poverty.

**Recipient:** The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA

**Location:** 2934 Smallman Street, Second Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15201

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA to expand and strengthen mentoring in the southwestern region of PA. The

initiative will help at-risk youth through recruitment of volunteer mentors; improvement in the quality of existing mentoring programs; and identification and enhancement of additional mentoring services in areas not currently being served. These youth are at risk of negative behaviors including drug and alcohol abuse, truancy, and dropping out of school. Funds would be used to provide professional development to staff, and to train and retain current mentors; for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment; and to recruit and train new mentors. The organization has determined that there are more than 225,000 youth in the region that need and would benefit from a mentor.

**Recipient:** Messiah College

**Location:** One College Avenue, P.O. Box 3013, Grantham, PA 17027

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Messiah College for nursing laboratory upgrades. Funding will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of high fidelity simulators and other nursing equipment for Messiah College to train students for service in the field of nursing. The current lack of adequate equipment means that Messiah College will face challenges educating nursing students to the required proficiency needed to work in today's healthcare field. This initiative can help address the nursing shortage crisis by continuing to educate students to become highly competent nursing professionals.

**Recipient:** Military Heritage Foundation

**Location:** Military Heritage Foundation, dba Army Heritage Center Foundations, P.O. Box 839, Carlisle, PA 17013

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Military Heritage Foundation to support and expand educational programs. Funds will be used for staff, curriculum development, and technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. Educational materials are designed to "fill in the blanks" where most commercial textbooks may not adequately cover certain historical subjects. The foundation's programs promote academic achievement, foster parent and community involvement in education, teach civic values, and provide a unique viewpoint on the history of our nation.

**Recipient:** Mon Valley Community Television, Inc.

**Location:** 538 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022-1532

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mon Valley Community Television, Inc. to support educational programs. The organization is a state-of-the-art Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) TV station, connecting the community through high-quality educational and informative public-access television programming. Funds will be used for staff to help expand current education programs. Mon Valley Community Television, Inc. will also work to distribute high-quality educational programming to the nearly 3,000 PEG stations across the country and help support a severely underutilized industry, whose potential has yet to be fully realized.

**Recipient:** Philadelphia Hospitality, Inc.

**Location:** 123 South Broad Street, Suite 1710, Philadelphia, PA 19109

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia Hospitality, Inc. for their Experiential Learning Lab project. Funds will be used for staff and materials necessary in order to provide educational programming that takes students outside the classroom while meeting state core curriculum requirements. Education programs will include history, science, literature, and other offerings that highlight the city, region, and nation's cultural and historical assets.

**Recipient:** Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association

**Location:** 5398 Wynnefield Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association to help prepare minority students to succeed in high school and encourage them to seek higher education. Funds will be used for staff, curriculum development and educational materials. According to the organization, the program has proven to be successful, as 87% of its students have experienced academic and behavioral improvements.

**Recipient:** The Pittsburgh Promise

**Location:** 1901 Centre Avenue, Suite 204, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for The Pittsburgh Promise to support STEM education. The initiative helps students graduate from the Pittsburgh Public Schools and pursue further education after high school, enhancing the growth, stability, and economic development of the Pittsburgh region. Funds will be used for staff to help support the program and also to help incentivize students to pursue STEM education. STEM fields have become central to U.S. economic competitiveness and growth.

**Recipient:** Project HOME

**Location:** 1515 Fairmont Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Project HOME to support educational initiatives including afterschool and full day summer programming for K-12 students. Funds will be used to support Project HOME staff, including teachers, technical instructors, program managers, and related personnel; as well as technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. Project HOME provides at-risk children and youth with critically needed opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable to them. The organization is working to ensure that all children in the community have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Programs are tailored to help students move towards greater prosperity by increasing their educational and employment opportunities through comprehensive technology and literacy instruction.

**Recipient:** Saint Joseph's University

**Location:** 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Joseph's University for the Kinney Center Autism Education and Support initiative. Funds will be used for staff to support afterschool social skills programs, a summer program for college-bound students with autism, a resource library, and related activities associated with the Kinney Center. Working in coordination with local school districts, community centers, and advocacy groups, the Kinney Center will recruit youth to participate in the above-mentioned programs, which are integral parts of this therapeutic initiative.

**Recipient:** The Sarah Heinz House

**Location:** One Heinz Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for The Sarah Heinz House to support an afterschool STEM program. Funds will be used for staff, curriculum development and educational materials to support afterschool programs for at-risk youth. The initiative will provide tutoring and youth mentoring services, STEM education, and environmental education. Through this program, investing in STEM education allows a vulnerable population to develop academic discipline and provides the tools to succeed in existing and ongoing learning endeavors.

**Recipient:** The School District of Philadelphia

**Location:** 440 North Broad Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Portal B, Suite 1198, Philadelphia, PA 19130

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the School District of Philadelphia for their 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Enhanced Classroom project. Funds will be used for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. This initiative would provide students with a state-of-the-art classroom setting and access to increased and enhanced educational opportunities. The project will include web-based digital tools and resources, such as online textbooks, individualized learning systems for enrichment, remediation solutions, and the development and integration of technology literacy skills in the content classrooms. Equipment in these classrooms includes: an interactive whiteboard, projector, teacher computer, student access to desktops and/or laptops on carts, and intensive teacher training on the use of these tools. The School District of Philadelphia recognizes that technology provides our students a gateway to lifelong learning and workforce readiness.

**Recipient:** Senior Adults for Greater Education

**Location:** 203 Anselm Road, Richboro, PA 18954

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Senior Adults for Greater Education (SAGE) to expand the SAGE volunteer program into the Philadelphia School District. Funds will be used for recruitment, training, and placement of senior adult volunteers. SAGE is devoted to uniting youth and seniors in their quest to enrich education, and helps provide a forum for seniors ages 55 and over to interact with students in and outside of the classroom.

**Recipient:** University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

**Location:** 600 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for University of the Sciences in Philadelphia for their Summer Institute for Middle School Teachers. This initiative will implement a multi-faceted approach in Philadelphia to address national needs in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education. Programs will focus on mitigating the shortage of qualified science teachers in Philadelphia and attracting more area students to STEM disciplines and careers. Funds will be used for staff, curriculum development, and related costs to support and expand the Summer Institute. This project will directly benefit the Philadelphia school district and the students in it with each teacher participants affecting the science education of approximately 200 students per year.

**Recipient:** Wyoming Valley Children's Association

**Location:** 1133 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, PA 18704

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wyoming Valley Children's Association for the Community Education/Early Intervention Excellence project. Funds will be used for staff, professional development, and related costs associated with early education. This project identifies children ages four and five in collaboration with community partners such as Head Start, Coordinated Child Care, local school districts, and adoption agencies who are at risk and then provides quality early childhood education.

Rehabilitation Services & Disability Research:

**Recipient:** Aadvantage Foundation, Inc.

**Location:** 201 South Johnson Road, Foxpointe Centre, Suite 200, Houston, PA 15342

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Aadvantage Foundation, Inc. for the Arc Human Services (AHS) project. According to the foundation, there are approximately 3,000 school-age children with mental retardation, serious emotional disturbances, and autism in the region serviced by Aadvantage Foundation, Inc.. Funds will be used for staff and educational materials which help promote educational, vocational, daily living skills, and social development.

**Recipient:** The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties

**Location:** 71 Ashland Avenue, Carlisle, PA 17013

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties for the Creating Community Opportunities program. Funds will be used for staff and curriculum development. This initiative will help support programs for people with the diagnosis of autism and/or intellectual disabilities. The instructor would develop programs and

teach participants through behavior techniques how to appropriately relate/interact with others in these community and/or business settings.

**Recipient:** The Arc of Montgomery, Berks & Bucks Counties

**Location:** 3075 Ridge Pike, Eagleville, PA 19403

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for The Arc of Montgomery, Berks & Bucks Counties for their Special Education Advocacy project. Funds will be used to support staff so that the Arc can expand services to the region. The Arc's program supports parents while helping to find ways to repair communications, when needed, and to assist in the development of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) that adequately meets the needs of the student. The Arc offers special education advocacy assistance to enhance educational programs for an individual student. Their intervention activities are designed to address area(s) that present obstacles to the education planning process. Education Advocates fulfill a needed support role which can greatly lessen parental stress levels, help enhance communication between schools and families, and can be instrumental in saving taxpayer's funds each time a "Due Process hearing" is averted.

**Recipient:** The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania

**Location:** 115 Meadow Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania for the Advocacy for People with Intellectual Disabilities project. Funds will be used for staff to help provide support children and adults with developmental disabilities through a variety of programs. The Arc's advocates help close the gaps between the individuals with school and work, and school and the community.

**Recipient:** Autism Education Research Institute

**Location:** P.O. Box 1786, Greensburg, PA 15601

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Autism Education Research Institute for the ACHIEVE Program For Young Adults with Autism. This initiative will assist individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders with transitioning from secondary school to post secondary institutions. Funds will be used to support staff and curriculum development. Assisting those with developmental disabilities cannot end at high school graduation, and this program aims to make the transition to higher education a more achievable reality.

**Recipient:** Best Buddies International, Inc.

**Location:** 132 South Seventeenth Street, Fourth Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Best Buddies International, Inc. for their empowerment for people with IDD program. This initiative will empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) through social integration and meaningful employment while simultaneously raising public awareness of the need for and benefits of social inclusion. Funds will be used to support staff and personnel, and for

technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. The opportunity to develop social skills as children is essential to success in adulthood for those with IDD's. According to the organization, Pennsylvania alone has 372,563 individuals with intellectual disabilities who could benefit from the services that Best Buddies provides.

**Recipient:** Devereux

**Location:** 444 Devereux Drive, P.O. 638, Villanova, PA 19085

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Devereux for the Early Intervention for Children with Autism program. Funds will be used for staff, professional development, and educational equipment and materials. This initiative will help develop, implement, and replicate an innovative early autism intervention program, including support and education for parents of children with autism. Critical skills will be taught to young children in the areas of communication, social interaction, imitation and play, and self-care.

**Recipient:** Elwyn, Inc.

**Location:** 1 Judy Way, Aston, PA 19014

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Elwyn, Inc. for their career support program. Funds will be used for curriculum development to help individuals who have a higher skill level than the traditional Elwyn consumer but still need social and behavioral support to succeed. This educational initiative will help individuals reduce dependency and will increase jobs for individuals with disabilities. Disabled individuals are frequently unsuccessful at obtaining employment as they must compete with other individuals who have extensive work histories; however, this initiative will help provide individuals with disabilities with support to help them maintain employment longer, thus succeeding in the workplace and contributing to the tax base.

**Recipient:** Gwynedd-Mercy College

**Location:** 1325 Sumney Pike, Box 901, Gwynedd Valley, PA 19437

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Gwynedd-Mercy College for the Autism Institute. Funds will be used for educational training, educational materials, technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment, and related costs. The services provided through the Autism Institute offer evidence-based best practices for living, working, caring, and educating children in the home and in the school.

**Recipient:** Mercyhurst College

**Location:** 501 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16546

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mercyhurst College for their Asperger Initiative at Mercyhurst (AIM) program. This initiative will help enhance the Asperger's Pilot Program and provide extensive support for socialization and job training skills for the college's Asperger's Syndrome college students. Funds will be used for professional development of the college's staff, as well as to support student workshops that will be

conducted as the college extends the scope of this successful program to other college campuses in the region. This program allows Asperger's Syndrome students to succeed in a college environment that respects their unique learning needs and prepares them for a productive life after postsecondary education.

**Recipient:** Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

**Location:** 555 Gettysburg Pike, Suite A300, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind for the Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) Summer Program. Funds will be used for curriculum development, which will assist visually impaired students pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The organization will focus on Braille literacy, as only 10% of the visually-impaired can read Braille. Braille literacy has a strong impact on employment – the employment rate for those who can't read Braille is only 30%, but the employment rate for the Braille-literate is 85%. The ECC Summer Program will incorporate early intervention techniques to teach practical skills to the visually-impaired at a younger age and help increase their ability to live independently, achieve further educational success, and become more employable.

**Recipient:** PRYC SERVE Special Needs Program

**Location:** 5554 Community Center Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for PRYC SERVE Special Needs Program to provide academic enrichment to mentally retarded children and young adults with developmental disorders. Funds will be used for staff and for technology upgrades, including the purchase of equipment. This initiative is a unique program specifically aimed at individuals with special needs at the Pine-Richland Youth Center (PRYC). The programs work with young adults in preparing them for transition to adulthood after the age of eighteen, when public schools no longer provide services.

### **U.S. Department of Education (programs)**

#### **Education for the Disadvantaged:**

**Title I:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$16.342 billion for Title I grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to help students in high-poverty schools meet states' academic standards.

#### **Impact Aid:**

**Impact Aid:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1.276 billion for Impact Aid, which provides financial assistance to school districts whose revenues have been adversely affected by the presence of Federal activities.



### School Improvement Programs:

**State Grants for Improving Teacher Quality:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3.047 billion for State Grants for Improving Teacher Quality. This program helps fund essential services to help teachers, including professional development programs and teacher mentoring systems.

**Teach for America:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$50 million for Teach for America for recruitment, selection, training, and professional development of top college graduates who agree to commit two years of teaching in schools in high poverty areas.

### Special Education:

**Special Education Grants to States (IDEA Part B):** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$13.105 billion for Special Education Grants to States. This program provides formulaic funding to help cover the costs of special education and related services for children with disabilities.

### Career, Technical, and Adult Education:

**Career and Technical Education State Grants:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1.25 billion for Career and Technical Education State Grants. This program helps increase access to career and technical education for persons with special needs, including secondary students in prevocational

### Student Financial Assistance:

**Federal Pell Grant Program:** I support the President's budget proposal to increase Pell Grants and index the maximum award to grow at, or above, the rate of inflation.

### Higher Education:

**Federal TRIO Programs:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$120 million for Federal Trio Programs. TRIO programs help improve postsecondary education opportunities for low-income individuals and first generation college students.

**Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEARUP):** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$350 million for GEARUP. This important program helps provide services to middle and high school students to help prepare them for a postsecondary education.

### **Related Agencies**

**Institutes for Museums and Library Services:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$368.619 million for the Institutes for Museums and Library Services (IMLS), which will help support the 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums across the nation. In particular, I request \$300 million for programs authorized by the Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) and \$50 million for programs authorized by the Museums Services Act. The overall request for \$368.619 million does not include funds for congressionally directed spending items.